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TELEGRAMS.

THE KING.

A RUMOUR DENIED.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 27.
His Majesty's Equerry states there is no truth in the report that the King is ill in bed. He has been shooting all day, and is very well.

JAPANESE OUTRAGE.

GERMAN PRESS COMMENT.

London, December 27.
The Berlin Press is gratified at the escape of Prince Yamagata, who is described as a highly esteemed commander and statesman. The newspapers extol his military and political career and congratulate Japan that one of her greatest sons has been spared to her.

THE HURRICANE.

HAVOC IN THE SOUTH.

London, December 27.
Yesterday's hurricane was most severe on the South Coast. At Plymouth, where it blew at the rate of 83 miles an hour, four vessels were wrecked. There were exciting scenes of rescues. A lifeboat full of shipwrecked people was blown ashore, but was subsequently refloated. An abnormal tide flooded Portsmouth, Southampton, and towns in the Isle of Wight, doing great damage. The Midlands of England are inundated.

The steamer Ripon, bound for Philadelphia, put back into Queenstown, battered by the storm. A huge wave badly hurt seven of the crew and drowned one man.

P. AND O. LINER DAMAGED.
The P. and O. str. Narrung, from London to Sydney, has been damaged by wireless telegraph from Ushant that she is returning to London, having much water in the hold and having sustained serious damage. Steamers are hastening to her assistance.

The Narrung had on board 248 passengers for Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide, and also a number for Capetown.

Later.
The Negada has telegraphed by wireless that she is within sight of the Narrung's lights. The Bavaria is also close at hand. The Narrung reported that her foredeck was swept. Her position at six o'clock yesterday evening was still very bad.

BETTER NEWS.

Later.
The station at the Lizard received a wireless message at 9.15 last night that the Narrung does not now require assistance.

The P. and O. Company announces that the Narrung has wired that she is steaming back at ten knots.

Powerful tugs were sent to her assistance from Falmouth, but the weather has moderated and further favourable news is hourly expected.

Later.
The Narrung is expected in the Thames to-morrow morning.

FURTHER DISASTERS.

Later.
Shipping casualties continue to be reported. There are numbers of deaths recorded through wrecks and by being washed overboard.

TELEGRAMS.

FRENCH PRESIDENT.

M. POINCARÉ A CANDIDATE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 27.
The French Premier, M. Poincaré, has consented to be the Republican candidate for the French Presidency.

LONDON LANGKAT SYNDICATE.

Discrepancy of Area Still Under Investigation.

The report of the London Langkat Syndicate, Limited, states that the directors' report, submitted as recently as March last, gave the particulars of the planted area on the syndicate's two estates. Mr. Jonkers indicates that the actual planted area may, on a survey, be found to be somewhat short of the area as previously stated. The directors regret that they are not yet in a position to give details as to the alleged discrepancy, but this matter is now having Mr. Jonkers' attention and it is hoped that a survey will have been completed by the end of the year. The latest reports show that the rubber and coffee estates have been maintained in a good state of upkeep, and that the growth of the Hevea and Robusta trees is satisfactory. Owing to the lateness of the season, no coffee from either estate had been harvested before June 30, 1912. It is anticipated that a commencement will be made with tapping the rubber during the coming financial year. Coffee factories equipped on modern principles are in course of erection on both estates. The area cultivated with tobacco for 1911 crop was 300 fields of an area of approximately 525 acres. The crop amounted to 1,720 bales as against 1,310 bales in 1910. The average price obtained was 99.80 cents per lb. against 133 cents per lb. in the previous year. The cost price, inclusive of all charges and market expenses, was 90.35 cents per lb. against 118 cents per lb. About 300 fields have been planted for the 1912 crop. The last news as to the yield per field is to the effect that an average of eight pounds has been obtained, the weighing in of the tobacco having shown a shortage on the previous estimates.

Labour Supply.
The supply of labour on the estates has been fully maintained and the health of the coolies satisfactory throughout the past year. The cost of importing the requisite labour force from Java continues to be high, and is at present much more expensive than at the time of the incorporation of the company. The directors draw attention to the fact that the present funds of the company will prove insufficient to bring the present planted area into full bearing and at the same time continue the planting of tobacco on the present scale. The directors desire to remind the shareholders that the syndicate was formed to acquire the estate with the object of instituting a scheme for the development of Hevea and Robusta in addition to the existing culture of tobacco, and when sufficiently advanced to sell the undertaking to a larger company provided with the necessary capital to fully develop and bring the planted area into bearing. The directors regret that the financial market has not been such as to render this transaction practicable, and it is therefore necessary to make such financial arrangements as will prove adequate to carry on the programme undertaken until such time as the original scheme can be carried out.

TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKAN DISPUTE.

TURKEY IN HAUGHTY MOOD.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 27.
According to Constantinople newspapers, the Turkish counter-claims to the terms of the Allies include the retention of Adrianople and Salonika under Turkish sovereignty. They agree to concede Bulgaria a port in the Aegean Sea, and are prepared to make a similar concession to Servia of a port in the Adriatic, but refuse to entertain the idea of a pecuniary indemnity.

ALLIES AMAZED.

Later.
The delegates of the Allies express amazement at the Turkish counter-proposals as published, and emphatically declare that they could not be seriously discussed by the Conference. Meanwhile the Powers are earnestly counselling moderation in Constantinople.

IS CONFERENCE DOOMED?
The Allies declare that they will never agree to Adrianople remaining a Turkish possession, and any serious proposal to that effect will wreck the Conference.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, 27th December, 1st Sunday after Christmas, Holy Communion (8.15 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.) Responses: Festal, Venite: Savage, Psalms: Tarton, Barnby, Barnby, Te Deum: Woodward, Smart, Telle. Benediction: Troutbeck. Hymns: 482, (T. 208), 178, 62, Evensong (5.45 p.m.) (Full Chorus) Responses: Festal, Psalms: of the 29th evening (1) Magnificat: Maunders in D. Nunc Dimittis: Maunders in D. Anthem: "There were shepherds Glory to God." Handel, Hymns: 60, 288, Sevenfold Amen, Voluntary: Allegro—P. Birnwicki.

Union Church, Kennedy Road, Minisire, Rev. C. H. Hickling, 11 a.m. Worship Hymns 476, 479, 187, Chant and Anthem; 12 noon, Communion; 4 p.m. Children's Service; 6 p.m. Hymns 485, 508, 441, 481, 477. Subject, "Last Four Things, Eternity"; New Year's Eve—11.15 p.m. Watch-night Service.

St. Peter's Seamen's Church, Hongkong, Sunday, December 29, 1912, Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m., M. Prayer and Sermon, 11 a.m., Preacher, Rev. G. B. Barry, late of Emmanuel Ch., Plymouth. E. Prayer and Sermon: 6.15 p.m., Gospel Meeting at the Seamen's Institute, 8 p.m., No Seamen's Concert, Monday, 30 Dec. Watch Night Service at St. Peter's Ch., Tuesday, Dec. 31st 1912, at 11.15 p.m.

Christian Science Services, MacDonnell Road.—Sunday 11.15 a.m. Wednesday 5.30 p.m.

THE BREAK-UP OF ESTATES.

At the Normanhurst (Sussex) rent audit, Viscount Hythe announced that it had been decided to sell the outlying portions of the estate. Tenants would be given the opportunity of purchasing their holdings, payment being spread over a period of 25 years. He proceeded to say that he did not believe that breaking up large estates was in the interests of the nation. But the burden of recent taxation, and especially the death duties, made it impossible for anyone who derived his income mainly from land to continue to live in the home of his father, and it was quite certain that if he outlived his father, Earl Brassey, Normanhurst would have to be shut up.

TELEGRAMS.

LORD HARDINGE.

A TROUBLOUS WOUND.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 27.
Lord Hardinge is progressing, and natural sleep is returning. The lacerated wounds are doing well, but some trouble is being given by the puncture wound below the neck.

"DOWRIES" IN BENGAL.

Protests by the Younger Generation.

Certain Bengali papers (says the "Indian Spectator") have published interesting details concerning a few recent marriages, which show that the conscience of the rising generation is being stirred up against the iniquity of squeezing money out of needy parents at the time of the marriage of their daughters. It seems that an inhabitant of Bengal has an educated son employed at Simla who was making regular remittances to his father. The old man settled a marriage alliance for his son and scrawled out of the bride's father a "dowry" to the tune of Rs.10,000. The son seems to have felt that this was robbery under social licence, and he compensated the victim by robbing his father of the remittances and paying them to his father-in-law. The father tried to redouble himself by demanding Rs.10,000 at the time of the marriage of his second son. The marriage was arranged and everything was ready, but at the last moment the boy's conscience began to prick him, and he refused to leave his house for the ceremony until the money was returned to his would-be father-in-law.

A Brahmin is said to have kept his daughter unmarried until the age of seventeen, and then demanded a heavy price from the man who sought her hand, according to the converse custom of his caste. Now it was the girl who felt the unconscionable character of the bargain. It is stated that the young lady left her father's.

CALIFORNIA AND COTTON.

British Vice Consul's Suggestion.

In continuation of his statements about the possible development of the port of Ensenada, Lower California, the British Vice Consul at that port (Mr. W. D. Madden) has forwarded a report in which he says: "Immediately north of the International Boundary lies the 'Imperial Valley' in the state of California (U.S.A.) The region, which covers an area of about 1,250,000 acres, lies below the level of the Colorado River; it is irrigated and under intensive agricultural development, and the land has risen very greatly in value during the last few years. The district is considered capable of producing 500,000 tons of high-class cotton annually. The export of Los Angeles is about 150 miles from the 'Imperial Valley,' but Ensenada is only about half that distance.

Immediately south of the 'Imperial Valley,' and in Lower California (Mexico) itself there is a district three times as large as the 'Imperial Valley,' which enjoys exactly the same physical and climatic conditions, and, besides, is still nearer to Ensenada. Moreover, labour is very much cheaper than in California owing to Oriental labour being permitted. Comparatively little has as yet been done to develop this district, but wealthy Americans are becoming heavily interested financially, so that this cotton belt will undoubtedly be the centre of very great development during the next few years.

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FAR EASTERN PEACE.

JAPANESE POLICY.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 27.
The "Times" correspondent at Tokyo has had an interview with Marquis Katsura, who says the essence of Japan's policy is the maintenance of peace in the Far East, with the Anglo-Japanese Alliance as a basis and the Russo-Japanese and Franco-Japanese ententes as supports. Japan did not contemplate any forward policy in China, and there was no ground for the alleged Chinese apprehensions. He insisted that the Alliance with Britain had not suffered the slightest diminution in strength and all his colleagues were pledged to the policy of retrenchment which would be applied to the Army and Navy.

DIRECTORS' LIABILITIES.

Lecture to Chartered Institute of Secretaries.

A lecture on the statutory liabilities of directors was given on November 19, by Mr. A. J. Montefiore Brice (barrister-at-law), at River Plate House, at a meeting of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries. Mr. Morrison McLeod (president of the Institute) occupied the chair. Mr. Montefiore Brice said that the liabilities imposed on directors by statute were many and often serious. If they took, to begin with, the Companies (Consolidation) Act of 1908 they would soon find themselves in an almost continuous stream of provisions affecting directors' liability. Section 81 was the latest form of many attempts to enforce candour on company directors and those who were responsible for the issue of the prospectus, and it undoubtedly placed on directors a very onerous statutory liability. As no penalty was attached to this section, it seemed clear that a delinquent director might be dealt with in one or, for the matter of that, in both of two ways—first, by a prosecution for a misdemeanour, and, secondly, by a civil action for damages. With regard to the statutory duty of disclosure, he said that before the Companies Act of 1900 (Section 10) this duty was neither so generally nor so stringently expressed as it had been since.

The English Law.

The judgment of Lord Justice Riggby in McKewen v. Bonnard and Co. held good. He declared the law to be that "if you rely, as a ground for rescission of a contract, on the omission of a statement, you must show that the omission of that statement makes what is stated misleading." Generally speaking, that was, more allusion with regard to a material fact would not voice a contract when there was no legal obligation to divulge.

He knew that he might be confronted by Gover's case (1 O. D. 182) to show the contrary; but he did not admit that Gover's case could govern Section 81 of the Companies Act; for Gover's case was expressly based on Section 38 of the Companies Act of 1867. Therefore he was of opinion that the general law should guide them on this point. According to that law, non-disclosure could not be justified where there was a duty to disclose, any more than non-disclosure could be justified where such non-disclosure rendered a statement misleading. Under Section 81, but more generally and particularly under Section 84, of the

TELEGRAMS.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

THE "TIMES" ADVICE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 27.
The "Times" commenting on the Peking Government's manifesto enjoining the observance of the Anglo-Chinese Opium Agreement says that the present situation cannot continue indefinitely as the accumulation of stocks at Shanghai and Canton, not only affects the middlemen of Bombay and Calcutta, but the great banks and important firms. The Government of India should not have taken huge sums from traders if it did not mean to enforce the agreements. Peking is at present too weak to enforce its full authority upon the intractable provincial mandarins, and the "Times" therefore urges as a partial remedy, the stopping of further sales for export to China, and says that no consideration, moral or financial, can warrant the Government of India continuing to unload opium on a helpless market.

COMPANIES ACT OF 1908.

There was a serious liability imposed on directors for misrepresentation in a prospectus. The misrepresentation must, however, be one of fact, and the aggrieved shareholder must show that he relied on it. Not only were those responsible for a prospectus liable for positive statements amounting to misrepresentation, but they were also liable for non-disclosure amounting to misrepresentation.

The Grossly Incompetent.
A discussion followed, in the course of which Mr. Phillips asked in what circumstances a director was responsible for gross incompetence. In one company of which he had known the board consisted of a baronet, a barrister, a solicitor, and a gentleman—the company was not a success. One member of the board—the gentleman to whom he particularly referred—paid the application money on his qualification shares and drew his fees regularly. He was subsequently made a bankrupt, and it was then discovered that he was a clerk in Holy Orders. A man like that, holding himself out as a director of trading companies, ought to be made responsible.

Mr. Montefiore Brice said that as to the liability of a director for gross incompetence, he would come first of all under the common law, because if he accepted a post for reward he was inferred to hold out that he possessed the necessary knowledge and skill with which to discharge the duties of that post. If he revealed that he had neither the one nor the other, it was open to any person suffering damage from his incompetent handling of affairs to bring an action for damages against him personally. It was also, of course, open to the shareholders not to re-elect him at the annual meeting, and to tell him why. (Laughter.)

A SINGULAR CASE.

A worker whose name had been given as James Palmer, and who was apparently a young man of about eighteen years of age, was injured while assisting in the loading of a wherry at Derwenthaugh, near Newcastle-on-Tyne. To the doctor who was summoned the worker confessed that "he" was a woman, and that her name was Margaret Wilson. She was the wife of a German sailor who had ill-treated her, and she had sought, obtained, and kept since last May employment as a man in order to maintain herself and her two children. She was injured by a wheel which fell on her.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

China's reply to the British Note regarding Tibet is considered to be unsatisfactory.

Lord Hardinge is progressing, though a wound below the neck is giving some trouble.

It is denied by His Majesty's Equerry that the King has been ill in bed; he is very well.

The French Premier has consented to become Republican candidate for the Presidency.

The hurricane on Boxing Day wrought great havoc in the South of England, and shipping suffered badly.

The Allies declare that any serious proposal to retain Adrianople to Turkey will wreck the Peace Conference.

The P. and O. Narrung, bound to Sydney, has had to put back to London after being badly buffeted off Ushant.

The Turkish demands include the retention of Salonika and Adrianople; they are warmly resented by the Allies.

The Berlin Press expresses gratification at the escape of Prince Yamagata, whose military and political career is extolled.

Regarding the opium question, the "Times" urges as a partial remedy the stopping of further sales of Indian opium for export to China.

Our Shanghai correspondent says Britain's final warning on the opium question has resulted in a vague mandate, and developments are expected.

LOCAL.

The revenue of the Colony for October was \$821,176.28 and the expenditure \$775,488.82.

A notification in to-day's Government Gazette indicates how the Military "alarm" will be sounded in Hongkong.

About three hundred guests were present at the annual Police Ball which took place yesterday evening at the City Hall.

The time ball on Blackhead Point is to drop on Sundays, and Government holidays, as well as on ordinary week days, beginning on 1st January.

Sir Haviland de Sausmarez, the Chief Justice of H.B.M.'s Court for China, leaves Shanghai to-day for Hongkong to sit in the newly constituted Full Court.

About Malaria.

Instructive cards on malaria, printed in red and black ink, in English, Malay and Chinese versions, have been published by the F.M.S. Government and are to be generally distributed shortly in every suitable place in the F.M.S. The card is sufficiently striking and decorative to claim attention, and it is just sufficiently instructive to make people understand what is the danger and how to help in preventing the spread of the disease. Simple directions are also supplied. The card is the work of the Malaria Advisory Board.

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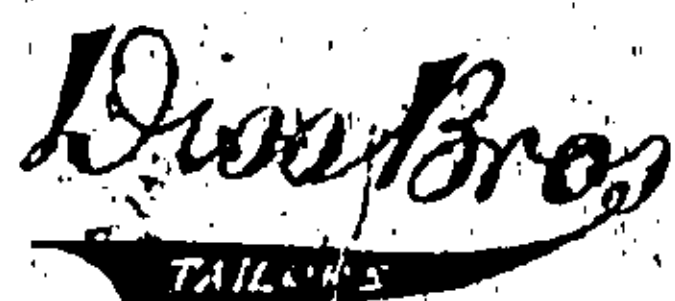
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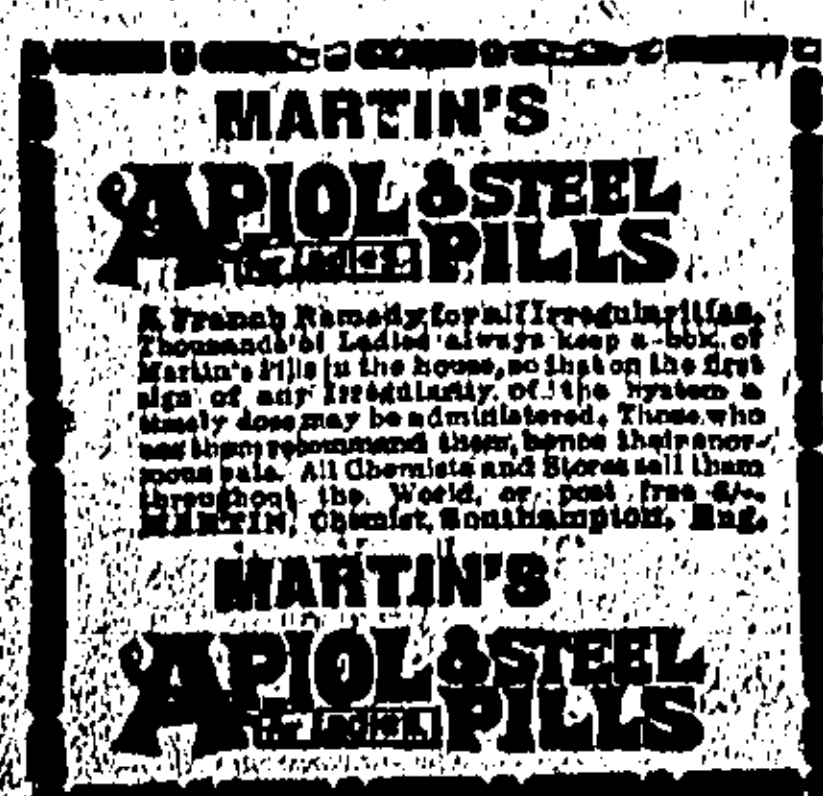


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China Mail.

The Tramway Boycott.

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terous to say of any thing in con-
nection with this question that it
"establishes pretty clearly the
political character of the boycott."
There is also no clear evidence of
anything approaching organiza-
tion. This we have pointed out
before now; and we see no reason
for endorsing such a view on the
ground that the Boycott still
vigorously persists. Intimidation
and organization are two different
things, and it does not neces-
sarily follow that the almost
certain presence of the
former indicates that it results
from the action of the latter.
If intimidation is actually being
enforced, the probability is that
it is the indirect action of the
Rickaba Guilds together, perhaps,
with that of the Launch Owners
or Hireds. We agree with the
view that the origin of the boycott
may rest largely with the money-
changers, and it is not improb-
able that they still take more
than a casual interest in it.

South China Morning Post.

A Dangerous Visionary.

Furthermore, how could China
meet Russia without the posses-
sion of the very latest engines of
destruction obtainable only in the
West, and what country would
sell to China in return for Sun
Yat-sen's paper currency? The
first year of war would drain the
country of its specie in payment
for supplies of this kind, after
which it would be left
face to face with a power
which pays cash for what it buys
and would therefore always be
better equipped than its antago-
nist. Sun Yat-sen apparently
thinks that an army of million of
men can be created with a stroke
of the pen, and that money can
be made in much the same way.
Evidently he has never heard of
John Law and the Great Missis-
sippi Bubble. Like the parrot,
he talks too much, but unlike
that sapient bird, he has not yet
awakened to realization of the
fact.

Daily Press.

The Opium Question.

Though the Agreement is very
badly drawn up it nevertheless
seems to us to give an incon-
trovertible guarantee that all the
opium which is entitled under
the Agreement to admission into
China shall enjoy an unrestricted
sale in any province until the cul-
tivation or import of native opium
into that province has been ef-
fectively suppressed. By Article
III. the British Government has
given an undertaking that "Indian
opium shall not be conveyed into
any province in China which can
establish by clear evidence that it
has effectively suppressed the cul-
tivation and import of native
opium." In the province of Anhui,
as is stated above, the Indian
opium merchants alleged that
Bureaux were being set up for
selling opium, i.e., native opium,
the import of foreign opium being
prohibited. The Governor of
Anhui declared this statement to
be false. If so, obviously the
correct course was to invite the
investigation contemplated by the
treaty and if he could furnish
clear evidence of a total suppres-
sion of traffic in native opium then
he was entitled to call upon the
British authorities to fulfil their
part of the bargain. He did not
do this, and we may feel confident
that the British Minister has not
demanded an indemnity without
having the clearest proof that it
can be justly claimed. It is not
sufficient for the Chinese authori-
ties to say that telegrams have
been sent by the Governor of
Anhui to the Governors of other
provinces "stopping any other
opium from these other provinces
coming in." Everybody—and
best of all the Chinese themselves
—know what value to place upon
such futile announcements.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Singapore Mortality Returns.
The mortality returns for Singapore, issued by the Registrar of Births and Deaths and show that, during the week ending Dec. 14, there were 205 deaths, (148 males, 57 females) giving a ratio per mille of population of 32.28. Malarial fever accounted for 33 deaths, phthisis 22, convulsions 18, beriberi 27, bronchitis 0, dysentery 12, pneumonia 0. Twenty-nine children under three months of age died. The nationalities were represented as follows:—European 1, Chinese 148, Malays 39, Indians 14.

Hankow Hide Yards.

The hide yard evil has been considered by the British Municipal Council, at Hankow, with the result that a proposal is to be brought, before the rentpayers to close the British Concession to the hide drying business after two years' notice. The Council announces that it will support such a motion at the annual rentpayers' meeting, to be held early in the new year. In addition the Council will advocate that henceforth no additional hide yards be allowed to be established in the British Concession.

A German Wireless Company.

A new company, the German Southsea Company for Wireless Telegraphy, has been registered in Berlin with a fully paid-up capital of marks of 1,200,000. To its founders belong the German Dutch Telegraph Company and the Company for Wireless Telegraphy, and the Dredner Bank and the Schaaffhausen'sche Bankverein are represented on its board. The new company proposes the erection of wireless stations in Tap (West Caroline), Rabul (German New Guinea), Maura (Marshall Islands), and Apia (Samoa).

Queen of Siam's Pearls.

The payment of \$10,000 for insurance brings to a close the story of one of the most remarkable robberies on record, says the "L. and O. Express." The \$10,000 has just been paid to the Association of Diamond Merchants, Jewellers, and Silversmiths, Limited, of London, and represents the insurance on a rope of pearls ordered from the firm for the Queen of Siam in April, 1909. The pearls were stolen from a sealed wooden box on their way to the royal palace. The Queen of Siam ordered and has now received another pearl necklace from the same firm. The company has spent no less than \$3,000 in unravelling the mystery of the stolen pearls.

Bombay's New Governor.

When Sir Frederick Ponsonby goes to Bombay Government House there will be presided over, says the "Evening Standard," not only by a genial and popular host, but by an exceptionally charming hostess. Lady Ponsonby is a sister of Lady Blois, one of the two very pretty and agreeable daughters of the late Colonel and Mrs. Kennard, who used to entertain pleasantly and frequently at their house in Bruton-street. Lady Ponsonby's country home has been for some years Great Tangle Manor, a delightful old house in Surrey in a lovely garden. King Edward visited Colonel Kennard there, and gave him some advice about the alterations he was making in the place. A Latin inscription on a garden bench, composed by Lady Ponsonby's uncle, a prelate of the Papal Court, commemorates the Royal visit.

Indian Emigrants to The Straits Settlements.

The report of Sir Francis Spring, the Chairman of the Madras Port Trust, on the Madras Port Fund for 1911-12, gives some indication of the increasing popularity of Burma and the Straits Settlements as a field of employment for Indian labourers. The total number of passengers, who sailed from Madras for Burma was 39,381, while those leaving for the Straits Settlements numbered 27,461. The number of those who returned from Burma was 38,160, showing that there is a fairly constant flow of labourers, backwards and forward. In the case of the Straits Settlements, the figures far exceed those for returning passengers, indicating a heavy demand and a satisfactory condition of things from the labourers' point of view.

BOXING.

Movement in favour of International Rules.

The movement to establish an international set of rules and weights to govern all boxing matches in America, England and France is now in concrete form. The men who supervise boxing, says an American Exchange, have agreed on a new set of rules and a way to properly enforce them. The weight which will govern championship contests has been decided upon in a general way, but the matter of poundage in each class has not yet been established. This will be the subject of future correspondence before the scale is fixed. But as those in control of the sport are of one mind for a universal code of rules and weight, it is only a matter of six weeks or two months at most before boxing rules in America, England and France will be uniform.

For six months the representatives of the State Athletic Commission, the French Federation of Boxing Clubs and the National Sporting Club of England have been corresponding in an effort to bring about a universal set of rules. Victor Breyer of Paris came over here this summer and held several conferences on the subject with the members of the State Athletic Commission—Major John J. Dixon and Frank S. O'Neill. A general outline of the proposed federation of the authorities in charge of the boxing was arranged. Breyer then talked over the subject with Paul Rosseau, President of the French Federation of Boxing Clubs, and with A. F. (Peggy) Bettinson, the representative of the National Sporting Club of London.

That Breyer was successful in his mission was made evident by the latter the Boxing Commissioners, has received from France. It was from Rosseau and said that the National Sporting Club was in hearty accord with the views of the American and French Boxing Commissioners on the subject of an international code of rules etc. Rosseau suggested that the State Athletic Commission send over the list of rules and regulations recently formulated for the control of boxing here and suggested a scale of weights defining the various "classes" among the boxers.

In compliance with this request Commissioners Dixon and O'Neill passed the following scale of weights and will forward it to France and England for approval:—

Class.	Weight.	Am. Eng.
Paper (Petite)...	103	105
Bantam ...	115	116
Feather ...	125	126
Light ...	135	133
Welter ...	145	142
Middle ...	158	156
Commission ...	175	—

Heavy—All over 175 pounds. It will be seen by this proposed scale of weights that the poundage has been increased materially in all the classes except the bantam weight. This is now fixed at 110 pounds. The new class scale proposed is 115 pounds. This is three pounds less than the English rules demand.

The "commission" class is a new one. It seeks to establish a brigade of fighters, known during the past few years as "light-heavy," but which had no standing as a distinctive class. This "commission" class will call for fighters weighing 175 pounds or less and will give such men as Gunboat Smith and Sailor Burke a chance to compete with men of their weight. The heavy class will be open to all who weigh more than 175 pounds.

The question of when will the men weigh in arose during the formulation of the new scale. It was decided that the men will weigh in at the ring side.

Tibetan Soldiers Returning.
All the Tibetan soldiers in the Chambi valley have received orders, states a Calcutta wire of November 26, to return to Lhasa. They say that they will probably be sent on to the Chinese frontier, but local opinion inclines to the view that more fighting is possible at Lhasa itself. The Dalai Lama is still encamped outside the city, which he is afraid to enter till he is more certain of the attitude of the abbots of the great monasteries.

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RUSSIA AND MONGOLIA.

Chinese View of the "Treaty."

A well-known authority on Chinese affairs, in conversation with a London representative of the "Manchester Guardian" recently gave the following account of recent affairs in Mongolia as interpreted in high Chinese quarters. He said:—

"A high Russian official, who was at one time Minister in Peking but who left Peking for certain reasons and was known to have certain designs against China in Mongolia, was sent to Mongolia as a special commissioner from Russia last October. It became known not long afterwards to the Chinese Government that this Russian official had made a treaty with the Buddhist High Priest in Outer Mongolia. As soon as this was rumoured, the Chinese Government wrote officially to the Russian Minister in Peking pointing out that Mongolia was Chinese territory, and that no one there had any power to make a treaty with any foreign Power. They said that in any case they could not recognise any treaty. On the 8th of November the Russian Minister in Peking went to the Foreign Office and personally handed over a copy of the treaty that had been made in Mongolia. It contained four articles:—

(1) Russia would assist Mongolia in maintaining its independence. The Russians also undertook to enrol and train Mongolian troops, and they would not permit Chinese soldiers to enter Mongolia or Chinese to settle there; (2) Russian subjects and merchants were to have special commercial privileges in accordance with the articles of a supplementary treaty which would be attached to the principal treaty; (3) if Mongolia wished to make a treaty with China or any other country it could not do so except with the approval of Russia, and it could not make any treaty which was contrary to the provisions of this

Russian treaty; (4) the treaty would come into force from the time of its signature—that is to say, it came into force immediately without any interval for ratification.

"Of course the Chinese Government could on no account recognise the validity of these provisions. The Government is at this moment considering what is the best method of procedure, but as it has not received anything but a verbal communication it has not yet sent a second official letter. A strong feeling is growing up in China that something must be done. China is not going to war against Russia, but she will probably send troops to constrain the Mongolians, and if the Russians attempt to fulfil this treaty they will have to send troops. The Buddhist High Priest has, of course, not the slightest authority to make a treaty on behalf of China, and I hear that the leaders of many of the Mongolian tribes have already protested against his action.

"No limit is put to the territory in which these privileges granted to Russians and denied to everyone else are to be enforced. It means practically the usurpation of sovereignty in the whole of Mongolia. At the present time there are very few Chinese troops there. There was a report in the papers a short time ago to the effect that Chinese troops had massacred many thousands of Mongolians. The Chinese Government has just issued a statement to say that this is utterly untrue. There are, in fact, no troops to massacre anybody, and I have no doubt that this report has been circulated as a deliberate attempt to rouse prejudice against the Chinese Government. There was another report, equally false, to the effect that Chinese settlers had been murdered by Mongolians."

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THE OPIUM OUTLOOK.

Yesterday we published certain statements made to the "Telegraph" by one of the leading opium firms, from which it is apparent that China has no present intention of respecting the terms of the Agreement of May 1911. By that Agreement the Chinese Government undertook that no stumbling-blocks should be placed in the way of the opium trade, provided that Britain lessened the supply of the Indian drug. Scarcely was this contract signed, when the Chinese calmly proceeded to break it by closing the province of Chekiang to the trade; and, since then, the treaty has been violated in a score of ways, terminating with the decree issued by Canton which, if allowed to come into force, will leave the merchants in Hongkong and Shanghai with twelve million pounds sterling worth of opium idle on their hands.

Should Canton—backed, of course, by the Central Government—persist in following the course threatened, it will only be one more nail in China's coffin. The position is, in truth, somewhat humorous. China is straining every nerve to have her Republic fully recognised by the Powers; she is trying—by force of words—to inspire confidence in the breasts of those who are able to lend her money; and, at the same time, is naively telling Hongkong and Shanghai—and the commercial world generally—that she has no intention of abiding by a treaty which she has solemnly signed.

If the Republican Government were moved solely by an honest conviction that the use of opium in any form is harmful to its subjects, we could better understand its conduct, even though that conviction would not excuse such an offhand ignoring of a treaty signed less than two years ago; if opium is so bad for the Chinese, why, last May twelve months, did their rulers consent to the continued importation of it? We are not going to discuss the moral or non-moral side of the use of drugs, for it does not enter into the question here; Great Britain and China came to an understanding as to the trade between the two Governments in a certain commodity, and whether that commodity was opium or boot-leather does not matter two straws. China stood to lose quite enough in the way of prestige if she merely broke an agreement because she conscientiously believed that she was acting for her people's physical and moral good by doing so; how much more must she lose when, almost by her own confession, her reason for such perfidy is the desire to get the opium monopoly into her own hands? In one direction she forbids the entry of opium into the country; in another she sanctions its cultivation within her own provinces! Why are Fukien and Kwang-tung growing large quantities of poppy, if not for the opium industry? If the Republic can satisfy onlookers as to its reasons for growing what it affects to abhor, there is little more to be said. At present, however, it looks as though there is yet a very great deal more to be said.

The "Times" on the Opium Question.

It is satisfactory to find, from to-day's wire, that the "Times" does not shrink from pointing out the extent to which the Indian Government is itself to blame over the present opium trouble. It is quite bad enough that Hongkong and Shanghai merchants should be hampered by China's inability to respect the terms of a Treaty, without their having to put up with pressure from the Indian Government itself. Malwa opium, as most of our readers are aware, is exported under permits which are sold at auction in monthly instalments. Those permits covering the number of chests that may be shipped this year were, we gather, taken up long ago; yet the Indian Government has begun selling permits for 1913, in spite of protests from the merchants here. In other words, though the dealers already have more opium than they can sell, India is anxious to force them into taking more.

Our Fighting Ships.

It is with satisfaction that in these days of keen naval rivalry one notices ample evidence of the fact that improvements are constantly being introduced aiming at the greater fighting efficiency of British sea-war. One of the latest of these is the adoption of a new and improved pattern of 13.5 inch guns which have just been tried with very satisfactory results on the battleship King George V. In the official announcement of the tests of these guns we read that though, as usual, the tremendous detonation of broadsides broke a good deal of glass and smashed some of the light wooden fittings of the ships into splinters, the hull showed less sign of concussion strain than those of previous Dreadnoughts have done. The new weapon has therefore been voted a distinct success. This fact, coupled with the remarkable achievements attained by the use of the new fire-director of Admiral Scott's, is clear proof that every effort is being strained to ensure the getting of every ounce of fighting value out of our modern warships. And everybody, save our foes, (if we have any) will surely rejoice at that.

True Education.

Some remarks on education have appeared, from time to time, in these columns of late; and notice may be taken of some shrewd observations made recently by Sir Henry F. Hibberd, the chairman of the Lancashire County Council Education Committee. Education, he said, did not mean the spending of large sums of money simply to place students in a position to make more money. There was a brighter side than the material side. They wanted to spread among people a love of culture. That last sentence goes to the root of the whole matter. But a love of culture will not become general until parents do their duty and see that their children are given a chance.

The Real Enemies.

At present parents are the real enemies of education in the respect that they take their children from school at the earliest possible moment. We are referring now more particularly to England. The parents of Scots children are much more ambitious. In Glasgow last year, out of 110,000 children, exemptions from attendance at school, between the ages of 13 and 14 years, were sought in only 61 cases. That is a really fine record, and there is no reason why parents in other parts of Britain should not copy the example of those in Glasgow. They owe it alike to themselves and to their country to give their children all the education they can afford. But English people seem terribly slow to realise this.

THE TIME BALL.

It is notified in the Government Gazette that beginning with the 1st of January, 1913, the Time Ball on Blackhead Point will be dropped on Sundays and Government Holidays as well as on ordinary week days. For the benefit of captains of vessels about to leave, who have had no opportunity of correcting their chronometers while in Port, the ball will, when necessary, be dropped at some other (daylight) hour on application to the Harbour Master.

DAY BY DAY.

He is an optimist who can believe in the coming of the best while looking at the worst.

New Architect.

The name of Mr. John C. Clark has been added to the List of Authorised Architects in Hongkong.

Boiling Opium.

At the Police Court, this morning, a man who was found boiling opium at a house in Fat Hing Lane, was fined \$67.

Bishop of Victoria.

The Bishop of Victoria is to preach at St. Paul's Chinese Church to-morrow (Sunday) morning and at the Cathedral in the evening.

Rumoured Sale of Steamer. It is rumoured that the N.D.L. s.s. Phronang has been purchased by a Chinese concern and will probably be put on the Hongkong-Saigon run.

Hongkong Christian Union. Mr. A. H. Mackenzie will speak at the meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union at St. Paul's College on Monday next, the 30th inst., at 5.30 p.m.

Land Sales.

Particulars of proposed sales of several small lots of Crown land at the Tai Po District Land Office and the Au Tau Police Station appear in the Gazette.

Subordinate Officers' Quarters. Tenders are to be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until noon of Tuesday, 14th January, 1913, for the erection of three blocks of flats, together with retaining walls, &c., as subordinate officers' quarters, at Breezy Point, Hongkong.

Yachts Blown Ashore. As the result of the strong wind last night and early this morning, several small yachts, it is reported, went ashore in Tai Po Bay. Mr. E. A. Irving's craft was blown from her moorings, and Mr. Shepherd, state-day that his little yacht was severely racked.

Exempted.

It is notified that the Tui Yut UI Sho has been exempted by the Governor-in-Council from registration under the Societies Ordinance, 1911, and the name of the society has been added to the list of Exempted Societies, under the heading "Social (Chinese)."

Masonry.

The installation last night of Mr. J. Lambert, as Worshipful Master of the Zoland Lodge, was attended by a large number of Masons. Afterwards there was a banquet given at the Hongkong Hotel when some 200 were present. The entertainment was a decided success.

Hongkong's Finances. The financial statement for the month of October, issued by the Hongkong Treasury, shows the revenue for the month to have been \$821,176.28 and the expenditure \$775,438.82. At the end of the month there was a balance of \$2,710,278.37, as against \$2,670,550.91 on 30th September.

Victoria Theatre.

The Management of the Victoria Theatre have procured a film depicting the principal scenes in Dante's "Inferno." The performance of the actors in this is absolutely perfect, and everyone should pay a visit to the Victoria while this remarkable film is showing. The best known incidents—the adventures of Dante in the gloomy wood, the Circle of the Traitors, the story of Francesca da Rimini and the imprisonment of Count Ugolino—are all given, and the effect is most dramatic.

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The following notification appears in the Government Gazette:—

It is hereby notified that when the Military "Alarm" is ordered to be sounded by the General Officer Commanding, four guns will be fired from Signal Hill. Two guns will be fired at 2 seconds interval, then 5 seconds interval, to be followed by 2 more guns at 2 seconds interval.

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HONGKONG THIRTY YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for the Week Ending December 28th.)

Successful Scholars.

On December 22nd, 1882, the annual prize distribution in connection with the Hongkong Public School was held, and among the winners of prizes were:—Fritz Lammert, Fred Grimble, Frank Lammert, Herbert Grimble and Ernest Lammert.

Masonic Officers.

In the issue of December 23rd, appears a long list of officers of the District Grand Lodge for the ensuing year. These include:—D. G. M., R. Wor. Bro. C. P. Chatter; D. D. G. M., V. Wor. Bro. W. Stanley Adams; D. G. S. W., Wor. Bro. W. M. Deano; D. G. J. W., Wor. Bro. A. W. Bain (Amoy); D. G. Treas., Wor. Bro. W. Kerfoot Hughes; D. G. Registrar, Wor. Bro. J. C. Hughes; President of D. B. of G. P., Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray; D. G. Secretary, Bro. W. H. Ray.

Consular Notification.

It is officially intimated on December 28th that Mr. Beverley Clarke Mosby has been provisionally recognised as U. S. Vice Consul and Deputy Consul at Hongkong.

Appointment.

In the issue of December 28th a paragraph saying that the Gazette notified that Mr. Bruce Shepherd, appointed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to be First Clerk and Clerk to the Deed Registry in the Surveyor General's Department, assumed the duties of his office on December 18th.

Telegraphy Resisted.

An account is given on December 28th of work on the Canton-Kowloon telegraph lines being stopped by the obstruction of natives. It appears that this was not the first interference of the kind and that work had only been resumed again some fortnight previously. At the time of the incident under notice some 600 poles had been erected, and it seems that the workmen had reached Tungking River and were proceeding to lay the cable across it when the villagers objected to the work going on. The paragraph setting forth the story ends thus:—"It is a most regrettable circumstance that the enlightened enterprise of Chinese capitalists and merchants in Hongkong should be balked by ignorant superstition and the apparent utter helplessness of the representatives of Government authority."

For the Poor.

An instance of the charitable work of the Zoroastrian Society is given in a paragraph saying that Mr. H. E. Wodohouse had received a letter from the Secretary of the Society's Charity Fund enclosing, on behalf of the Parsee community, a bank note for \$100 as a donation to the poor box at the Magistracy. The letter contained a request that the sum be applied "for the relief of the poor Chinese as you, or the other presiding Magistrates, may deem best."

The Dollar.

The exchange rate of the dollar on demand on December 28th, 1882, was 3/7.

VOLUNTEERS.

Corps Orders issued by Captain O. V. S. Skrimshire yesterday are as follows:—Parades at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.:—Monday, 30th, Civil Service Company infantry drill; Tuesday, 31st, 5 howitzer and 10 p. sections gun drill, Right and Centre Sections M.G. Coy machine gun drill; remainder, infantry drill; Friday 3rd January, Civil Service Company machine gun drill; remainder, semaphore signalling.

Joined:—Mr. J. P. Jones joined the Corps on the 24th inst. allotted Corps No. 1406 and posted to the Engineer Company. Resigned:—Pte. A. S. Ellis and Sapper A. O. Gutierrez are permitted to resign with effect from the 19th and 20th December respectively. Leave:—Pte. J. Judah is granted leave of absence from December 2 to April 21. LeOpl. Daroh is granted leave of absence from December 23 to December 23 next year.

THE POLICE DANCE.

Enjoyable Function in the City Hall.

The Hongkong Police gave a most enjoyable dance yesterday evening in the City Hall, which was attended by some three hundred guests. Despite the rain and general inclemency of the weather, those invited turned up mostly to time, and from the commencement things went with the swing that is usually associated with police functions. Throughout the day the decorations committee had been hard at work in the rooms set apart for the dance and the result of their labours, to say the least, was most creditable. Dancing took place in St. Andrew's Hall which was bedecked with curtains over all the doorways and streamers of greenery, while palms placed here and there round the hall added considerably to the effect. Supper was served in St. George's Hall where four long tables were spread and looked excellent with their decorations of flowers and greenery, their piles of fruit and the shining array of glasses and cutlery. The catering was in charge of the Astor House Hotel, and to say that it was well served is but to give the faintest of praise where more is deserved. The Chamber of Commerce Hall was set aside for the bar and the card tables which were well attended throughout the entire evening.

The floor of the dancing hall was in excellent condition and every one of the dances brought a good number of guests to their feet. At the same time it was never uncomfortably crowded and that fact, together with the fine music that was played by the band from the K.O.Y.L.L., added much to the enjoyment of the dancers. Great praise is due to the energetic secretary Mr. A. Pattison, who, with a committee, was responsible for the success of the evening and to the M. C.'s, Messrs. Grant, G. Cooper, A. Clark and R. Roddick who performed their duties unflinchingly and did much to ensure enjoyment by everybody. The dance programme was as follows:—

- Part I:
1. Waltz "Eternal"
 2. Lancers "Aroadians"
 3. Barn Dance "Happy Darksies"
 4. Voleta "Mascat"
 5. D'Albarts "Coolies"
 6. Military "Everybody's Do two step" ing it now"
 7. Quadrilles "Aldwych"
 8. Waltz "Chas. de Mon Oeur"
 9. Caledonians } "Sootia"
 - (S'per D'ce)
- Part II:
10. Grand March } "Miss Gibbs"
 - & Lancers
 11. Two step
 12. Barn } "Careless Cuokers"
 - Dance
 13. Quadrilles..... "Piccadilly"
 14. Voleta "Morris"
 15. Waltz..... "Luxembourg"
 16. Eightsomereel "Fairy Dance"
 17. D'Albarts "Kattans"
 18. Sir Roger D'Coverley.

- Extras.
1. Two } "Alexandra's Rag Time"
 - Step
 2. Waltz "Druid's Prayer"
 3. Two } "Policeman's Holiday"
 - Step
 4. Waltz "Yip-I-Addy"

LOANS TO CHINA.

A Canton Consular Reminder.

The following Circular issued by H.M.B.'s Consul-General to the British mercantile firms in Canton is published in the Hongkong Government Gazette for general information:—With reference to his Circular of October 1st last, on the subject of foreign loans in respect of mining property, the undersigned begs to notify British subjects that the Republican Board of Foreign Affairs have intimated to His Majesty's Minister that in future all loans of whatever nature and all negotiations relating to finance shall be dealt with and authenticated solely by the Minister of Finance and that the Chinese Government will not recognise any transaction which has not so been authenticated.—J. W. Jamieson, Consul-General, H.M.B. Consulate-General, Canton. December 20th, 1912.

CANTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.

Commencement Exercises

In the presence of several hundred of the friends and relatives of the Canton Christian College students, the commencement of the graduates from the Middle school was held on Thursday. Pleasant weather aided in making the exercises of the day unusually successful.

Before the commencement exercises proper a military review of two hundred students was held on the parade ground. Following this was the annual one mile inter-class relay race, won by the representatives of the second year's class. These same students secured the trophy in last year's meet.

At this year's commencement five students were awarded the certificates of graduation from the Middle School:—Messrs. Cheung Hing Ying, Ohue Chi Ying, Wong Cheuk Kwan, Wong Ying Ohun, and Yeung Sik Ohung. All of these have signified their intention of continuing their studies in the collegiate department of the Canton Christian College.

Among the Chinese government officials present at the commencement were: Mr. Loh Poon Tai, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Tsai, Chew Fun, Commissioner of Interior, Mr. Chan King Wa, Chief of Police, Mr. Chung Wing Kwong, Commissioner of Education, and Mr. Wong Lun So, Chief of River Police.

Prizes were awarded to many students for excellence in studies Bible study, deportment and the like.

The full programme of the commencement exercises was as follows:—

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Song.
3. Chinese Oration. "Perseverance as a Path to Thorough Education", Yeung Sik Ohung (of the graduating class).
4. English Address; Rev. A. T. Howard, D.D., Tokyo, Japan.
5. Vocal Solo: Mrs. H. B. Graybill.
6. Chinese Address: Mr. Loh Poon Tai, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs.
7. English oration. "The Educational Value of Literary and Debating Societies in Schools", Wong Ying Ohun, (of the graduating class).
8. College Song, by Canton Christian College Students.
9. Presentation of Prizes, by Mr. Tsai, Chew Fun, Commissioner of Interior.
10. Chinese Address: Mr. Chung Wing-kwong, Commissioner of Education.
11. Presentation of Diplomas, by Dr. A. H. Woods, vice-Pres. of Canton Christian College.
12. Benediction.

SANITARY BOARD.

The following are the orders of the day for the meeting on Tuesday 31st December:—

Letter from Government relative to the Honourable Mr. E. A. Hewett resuming his seat upon the Sanitary Board.

Letter from Government relative to the transfer of three water closets from the ground floor to the basement of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Minute by the President of the Sanitary Board relative to vacation leave to Inspectors Reidie, Watson and McEwen.

Application for permission to erect 2 extra water closets on the ground floor of No. 20 Des Voeux Road Central Marine Lot No. 09. Mortality return from Macao for the weeks ending 9th and 16th December, 1912.

Mortality return for the week ending 7th December, 1912. Limeswathing return for the fortnight ending 10th December, 1912.

Rat return for the weeks ending 14th and 21st December, 1912.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

Before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, a Chinese was charged with being in unlawful possession of a revolver, two re-loaders and 500 rounds of ammunition.

P. O. Knight executed a search warrant at 134 Jervois Street, and found the arms and ammunition.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$250.

SPECIAL CABLES.

CHINESE QUESTIONS.

THE TIBET PROBLEM.

[Our Own Correspondent].

Shanghai, December 27.

China's reply to the British Note regarding Tibet is considered unsatisfactory, because it states that an Agreement formulating the status quo is unnecessary, whereas this is the essence of the British protest of August 31st.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

The reply of China to Sir John Jordan's final warning on the opium question has resulted in the issue of a mandate in vague and general language. Developments are expected.

BOXING.

Hongkong to see the Nelson-Moran Fight.

One item which should especially entertain the company that is to assemble at the Skating Rink on New Year's Day, when Mr. Hugh Macintosh will again hold a boxing tournament, will be the reproduction in film of the Nelson-Moran fight. It shows Nelson, the hero of so many combats, counted out in the eleventh round, an experience new to him though he had been engaged in three hundred battles. The film is a remarkably good one and the pictures are so clear that not a single incident in the contest goes unobserved. There is no shake either, and to see the five knock downs and the count out in such a memorable contest as the Battling Nelson-Owen Moran fight will be well worth paying dollars. It will take forty minutes to show the film, and every minute is taken up with thrilling and exciting incidents. This is certainly a new departure for this Colony and the enterprising promoter should reap the reward of his considerate catering for the wants of the sporting public of Hongkong.

The programme of fistic events is a fine one and there should be some good boxing. The bout between Bux and Smith should be a good one, since the latter very cleverly defeated Kid Marriott at the last meeting at the Skating Rink. Smith, we are informed, is the only man that has put Marriott out. The pace in the bout between Bux and Smith should therefore be a fast one and should give satisfaction. Owing to the doubt that existed in regard to the decision given in the last fight between Wilkes and Watman, the promoter has decided to give a run off, as it were, and these two men will meet again. Joe Dean, who put up such an excellent fight against Bux, is going to meet Gunner Edwards and the latter, it will be remembered, was only defeated by Seaman Hayes at the V.R.C. after an extra round had been fought. The fact that the gunner stood the terrific punches of the seaman is sufficient to guarantee that he will be able to give Dean all that he requires, and the latter's excellent fight with Bux also indicates that he will give Edwards a stiff time of it. Sky Kerrison is billed to fight Gunner Burgo, R.G.A., and Joe Didd of Bermuda, and of "Wonderland" fame, is to meet A. B. Page who did so well in the tournament at Weihaiwei.

The programme is therefore a good one, and those who patronise the tournament on New Year's Day are sure to return home pleased. The exhibition itself will repay them for their appreciation of Mr. Hugh Macintosh's efforts to give them what they require.

THE S.S. RUBI.

We reported recently that French buyers from Saigon were negotiating for the purchase of the s.s. Rubi. We are now informed that no business has been done and that the matter has fallen through. It is thought that, having failed to obtain what they want here, the Saigon firm are seeking to buy a ship that will be suitable for coastal traffic between Saigon and Haiphong, from owners in New Zealand or Australia.

SHOOTING.

Hongkong Rifle League.

Six teams have entered for the Shield presented to the League by Mr. R. E. Bellios, viz.:

Team	representative
R. N. Dockyard	R. Stewart
"Taikoo"	J. D. Danby
H. K. Police	P. P. J. Wodehouse
H. K. Volunteers	J. A. E. Bullock
H. K. Reserves	W. Dobbs
H.M.S. Minotaur	Lt. Hunter
	R.M.L.I.

Week ends have been allotted for League Matches and the teams have been drawn as follows:

Jan. 25	Taikoo	v. Volunteers
and 26	Reserves	v. Police
Feb. 8	Dockyard	v. Volunteers
and 9	Taikoo	v. Police
Feb. 22	Dockyard	v. Taikoo
and 23	Volunteers	v. Reserves
Mar. 15	Police	v. Dockyard
and 16	Reserves	v. Taikoo
Mar. 29	Police	v. Volunteers
and 30	Reserves	v. Dockyard

The Secretary of the 1st named team in each instance is responsible for all arrangements for the match. Matches to be "shot off" on the range of the 1st named team if possible. In cases where the 1st named team have no range of their own the Secretary must make arrangements to secure one and notify their opponents. (Taikoo, Tai Hang and King's Park range could be obtained almost any Sunday afternoon). Matches must be "shot off" on dates allotted above. In case, however, of weather being unfavourable the Secretaries of teams must arrange another date and notify League Committee of same within 4 days, otherwise the match will be considered as cancelled. Secretaries of teams from H. K. ships who enter the League must fix their own dates or can arrange to shoot three cornered matches on any of the above dates. As it is very probable the Interport match will take place during April, that month has been kept free from League matches to enable the Interport team to practice.

PARCEL POST.

New Postage Rates to Macao.

By an order made by the Governor-in-Council under Section 9 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1900, the following scale of postage rates on ordinary and insured parcels to Macao will come into force on and from the 1st Jan., 1913:

Not exceeding 3 lb. in weight	\$0.50
Exceeding 3 lb. but not exceeding 7 lb. in weight	0.75
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Parcels may be insured up to \$200 or 500 Francs, the fee payable being 25 cents for the first \$120 or 300 Francs and 15 cents additional for each subsequent \$120 or 300 Francs or part thereof.

THE COURT CARDS.

Mr. Edgar Warwick's Court Cards, who make their first bow to Hongkong audiences on Tuesday Dec 31st, are a combination well worth hearing. It has frequently been remarked that the performers have appeared to enjoy the entertainment as much as the audience. This is, indeed, the case, and it can be put down to the happy relations which exist between them. This is necessarily reflected in the work on the stage, to the advantage of all concerned.

Mr. Gordon Nicholls, a particularly versatile and entertaining performer, provides a host of novelties in the programme. Numbered amongst his many attainments may be mentioned those of paper-tearing which is a complete novelty for the East; and his quickness and skill produce wonderful designs in full view of the audience.

Mr. Reginald Palmer, besides having a good baritone voice, provides a lot of light comedy work. The public are advised not to miss this little show as press opinions of towns hitherto visited, all speak in very glowing terms.

THE FULL COURT.

Sir Havilland de Sausmarez Leaves Shanghai

To day the Chief Justice of His Britannic Majesty's Court for China, Sir Havilland de Sausmarez, leaves Shanghai for Hongkong in order to sit in the newly constituted Full Court, the ordinance empowering which comes into force on January 1. The court is to sit the next day for the first time.

The new arrangement provides that appeals from the decision of either of the two judges in Hongkong shall now be dealt with at a special session of the full court to be held in January and July of each year, and for that purpose the Criminal Sessions for those months have been suspended. It also arranges that appeals shall be heard by judges who did not sit on the hearing of the case in the first instance. There will be consequently three judges, two of whom will sit in appeals from the decision of the third judge.

This session there are four cases in the list to be dealt with, including an appeal in the case arising out of the administration of a Zoroastrian Charity Fund under a deed, certain terms of which were put before the Pui-sie Judge sitting in Original Jurisdiction, for interpretation. By the same boat Mr. McNeill, a Shanghai barrister, leaves for Hongkong to plead in the case of Li Tse-shi v. Li Yu-nung and Li Chung-lin. He is appearing for the last named party.

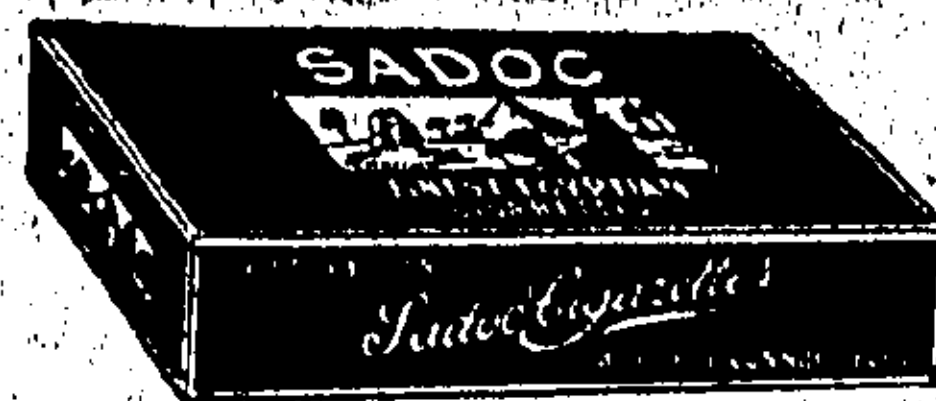
"A TRIP ABROAD."

Despite the wretched weather, there was a fairly large audience at the Theatre Royal last night, when the Ferris Hartmann Company put on the screamingly funny musical comedy "A Trip Abroad." Those who braved the elements had three hours of unalloyed merriment, for the piece was full of funny situations, and these were made the most of by all behind the footlights. There was not much of a "plot" about the play, but that did not matter, as the fun was always well sustained and the singing and dancing tip-top. Chief honours undoubtedly went to Miss "Muggins" Davies, as Flora Fair, and to Mr. Hartmann himself in the part of Mr. Hoggensheimer. These two talented members of the Company were in great form and played up to each other with great effect. Other notable successes were Miss Josie Hart, Mr. Walter de Leon and Mr. Roscoe Arbuckle, while a word of special praise should be penned of the chorus and the very pretty special dances introduced. Altogether, the performance was a rattling success. To-night the Company stages "The Girl and the Boy", and the season concludes on Monday with "The Campus," by special request.

DIVORCE IN CHINA.

A Wife of Former Hongkong Governor on Chinese Marriages

Lady Blake, wife of Sir Henry Blake, a quondam Governor of Hongkong, writing in the "Nineteenth Century" observes: "There is only one legal wife in China; she is the Kit-fat, and she alone is carried to the bridegroom's house in the red sedan chair. The Kit-fat may be legally divorced on seven accounts: if she has no children; if she proves immoral; disobedience to her husband's parents; over-talkative; given to thieving; if she is jealous; or afflicted with leprosy. This sounds a very comprehensive series of reasons; yet in point of fact none of them can be urged if the wife has observed mourning during three years for her husband's parents; if the family has become wealthy, having been poor when she married; or if her parents are dead, so that she cannot return to them, so it is easier and pleasanter to take a secondary wife than to get rid of a first one, and divorces are consequently more rare than elsewhere, for should the husband try to discard his wife, and she could prove any of the above reasons against a divorce, he would not only be obliged to take her back, but would have rendered himself liable to punishment."



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A representative of the "Daily News and Leader" made inquiries in responsible quarters as to the prospect of Midland firms helping the Hongkong School upon lines similar to those by which Birmingham largely equipped her University engineering department. The general result of the inquiries indicated an alertness to discover outlets for trade with China, but some doubt whether volunteering gifts of plant would really assist.

Competitions With Germans. "It is said," remarked Mr. Challen, a principal of one of the great representative houses of Birmingham, "that we British manufacturers are being beaten in the markets of China because the Germans are more astute. That has been the tale these thirty years, yet we continue to enlarge our works and we have never had better orders than we now get from China, Japan, Siam, India—indeed, from the East generally. They are splendid!"

"Of course the German is alert. He gets the orders, and very often he sends them on to us," Mr. Challen observed cheerily. "Most of us," he proceeded, "are not able to cope with the orders we now have. I do not know how long the boom will last. It has continued three years and we are not looking for means to increase our trade just yet. Of course, there may be some firms who, looking a long way ahead, will think it worth while to help in equipping the Hongkong School. It may be a very good thing; certainly, it can do no harm."

Then, as an afterthought, Mr. Challen asked: "How many coming presses do you suppose we have sent to China the last seven years? Between two and three hundred," he added, without awaiting a guess.

Inquiries in Coventry, which turns out high-class machine tools for the markets of the world, showed that captains of industry there are impressed with the significance of the opening up of China to Western commerce.

DON'T FORGET.

To-Night.
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.
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Monday, Dec. 30.
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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Destination	Steamers	Sailing Dates
EUROPE &c.....	KAMO MARU Capt. F. L. Sommer T. 16,000	WEDNESDAY, 1st Jan., at daylight.
EUROPE &c.....	AKI MARU Capt. B. Kon T. 12,500	WEDNESDAY, 15th Jan., at daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, OHI, & YAMATO...	AWA MARU Capt. Shimidzu T. 12,500	TUESDAY, 31st Dec., at noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BAIRATH...	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekino T. 7,000	WEDNESDAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.
N'SAKI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA...	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi T. 9,600	WEDNESDAY, 12th Feb., at Noon.
KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA...	KAGA MARU Capt. Tabusa T. 12,500	THURSDAY, 2nd Jan., at 11 a.m.
CALCUTTA via Spore, Penang and Rangoon...	COLOMBO MARU Capt. Kawashima Tons 6,000	WEDNESDAY, 1st January.
BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo...	KAMAKURA MARU Capt. K. Hori Tons 12,500	MONDAY, 6th January.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBÉ...	KAWACHI MARU Capt. A. Christensen T. 12,500	WEDNESDAY, 1st January.
SHANGHAI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA...	TOSA MARU Capt. T. Sato T. 12,000	MONDAY, 6th January.

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Mishima Maru	16,000	29th January.
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Atsuta Maru	16,000	26th February.
Hibachi Maru	13,000	12th March.
Miyazaki Maru	16,000	26th March.
Kitano Maru	16,000	9th April.
Iyo Maru	12,500	23rd April.
Hirano Maru	16,000	7th May.
Tango Maru	13,500	21st May.

FOR AMERICA.

Steamer	Tons displacement	Leaving H.K.
Inaba Maru	12,500	11th February.
Shidenaka Maru	12,500	25th February.
Tamba Maru	12,500	11th March.
Awa Maru	12,500	25th March.
Sado Maru	12,500	14th April.
Yokohama Maru	12,500	22nd April.
Inaba Maru	12,500	6th May.
Shidenaka Maru	12,500	20th May.

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T. KUSUMOTO, Manager.

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For	Steamers	To Sail
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	28th Dec., M'night.
SWATOW, AMOY & SHANGHAI	"KANSHU"	28th Dec., at daylight.
PORT COUBET	"TIENSIN"	31st Dec., at 10 a.m.
TSINGTAU, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & DALNY	"CHANGCHOW"	31st Dec., at Noon.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	31st Dec., 4 P.M.

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Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
ZAFIRO...	4000	F. S. MacMurray	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	SATURDAY, 28th Dec., 4 P.M.
RUBI	4000	J. Miller	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	TUESDAY, 7th Jan., 4 P.M.

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GENERAL MANAGERS

Hongkong 7th December, 1912.

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Steamer	From	Expected on at about	For	Will leave on or about
Tjimanock	JAPAN	2nd half Dec.	JAVA	2nd half Dec.
Tjitaroom	JAVA	1st half Jan.	JAPAN	1st half Jan.
Tjimali	JAVA	1st half Jan.	JAPAN	1st half Jan.
Tjikal	SHANGHAI	1st half Jan.	JAVA	1st half Jan.
Tjibodas	JAVA	2nd half Jan.	SHANGHAI	2nd half Jan.
Tjipanas	JAPAN	2nd half Jan.	JAVA	2nd half Jan.
Tjilwong	JAVA	2nd half Jan.	JAPAN	2nd half Jan.
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Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of sailing
S.S. "Nippon Maru"	11,000	A. G. Stevens	Jan. 13, Noon.
S.S. "Tosyo Maru"	21,000	E. Bent	Jan. 17th Noon.
S.S. "Shinyo Maru"	21,000	H. S. Smith	Feb. 11th Noon.

These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screws. All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office. The steamer "Chiyo Maru" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 11th March, at Noon.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

The twin screw steamer "Nippon Maru" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU on SATURDAY, the 11th January, 1913, at Noon.

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Steamer	Tons	Date of Sailing
Kiyo Maru	17,500	Saturday, February 1, Noon 1913.
Soyo Maru	10,500	Thursday, April 3, Noon 1913.
Hongkong Maru	11,000	Wednesday, June 4, Noon.

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Steamers:	Tons	Starting	Date	Time
"Mongolia"	11,000	Starting	Dec. 31st	at 1 p.m.
"Mongolia"	11,000	"	Jan. 7th	at 1 p.m.
"Persia"	9,000	"	Jan. 28th	at 1 p.m.
"Korea"	13,000	"	Feb. 4th	at 1 p.m.

Passengers holding through Tickets have the privilege of travelling by train between Kobe and Yokohama, free of charge.

HONGKONG-MANILA SERVICE.

From Hongkong	Arrive Manila	Leave Manila	Due Hongkong
Feb. 25 CHINA	Feb. 27	Feb. 21 MANCHURIA	Feb. 23
Mar. 18 NILE	Mar. 21	Mar. 8 NILE	Mar. 10
Apr. 15 PERSIA	Apr. 17	Mar. 18 MONGOLIA	Mar. 18
May 18 CHINA	May 16	Apr. 5 PERSIA	Apr. 7

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LOG BOOM.

Affray on the Kutsang.

A fracas occurred on board the L.C. steamer Kutsang, shortly after her arrival at the Shanghai wharf on December 17, between the crew and the natives on board of the Maritimes Customs. It appears that the searchers, who had just ascended from searching the coal bunkers, proceeded to rummage among the private effects of the crew and, in the course of their search, plunged their grimy hands among the sailors' "go-sabers" clothes of the sailors. This was resented by the crew and a quarrel ensued during which one or two of the native searchers were somewhat roughly handled, with the result that seven of the crew were arrested and charged before the Mixed Court on the following day, one being fined \$10 and the remainder \$2 each.—"Shipping and Engineering."

The Calcutta Rate War.

The shipping competition on the Indian route is still being carried on between the British India Steamship Co. and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, though no change has been introduced in the rate of freightage by either party, reports the "Japan Times." The competition, however, is gradually subsiding owing to the change in the attitude of the British concern, which is apparently going to abandon the competition in view of the inadvisability of maintaining such keen rivalry. The shipment of Saigon and Rangoon rice having come to a close for the season, the British concern has recently reduced the number of the steamers on the line and placed six liners, hitherto run on the line, in the service of other lines. At present ten British liners are running on the line against six of the N.Y.K. liners. The shipping business this year is in an unusually prosperous condition the world over. Under the circumstances a scarcity of vessels is keenly felt in all directions and it was considered very useless and inadvisable to concentrate so many liners on the same route for the purposes of maintaining such an excessive and unremunerative competition. These views apparently impressed the British India Steamship Co., which is now inclined to abandon the former decision to carry on a positive competition and it has begun to adopt a milder attitude. In these circumstances the Nippon Yusen Kaisha intends to relinquish the heated rivalry and not to attempt to trespass on the interests of the rival concern should the British concern abandon its hostile attitude, though the rate of freightage is still maintained as low as one-fourth of the former rate. On the whole, the keen shipping rivalry on the line has greatly subsided, but in view of the opening of the N.Y.K. Calcutta line, which has created an unfavourable feeling on the part of the British concern, the supposition cannot be denied that another hot rivalry may break out between the two companies in the rice season next summer. In this connection it is reported that the Japanese and British Government authorities, being greatly concerned about the competition between the two concerns, in fear that it may prove detrimental to the close friendship of the two nations, are making efforts for reconciliation between the rival companies, and that the competition may eventually be ended through diplomatic intermediary. A later report says that the British India Steamship Co. has decided to increase to some extent the freightage on rice from next spring in view of the prospective increase of the shipment of rice and that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha will also perhaps raise its freightage in a proper degree in case the decision of the British company is carried out. The decision on the increase by the British India Steamship Co., which reduced its rate to an extreme and almost unremunerative rate, is conjectured to mean its intention to relinquish the competition with the N.Y.K. liners, having realized the impossibility and inadvisability of continuing such keen rivalry with the Japanese concern.

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OUTWARD.	HOMEWARD.
For Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama:	For Rotterdam, Bremen & Hamburg:
" ALTMARK 3rd Jan.	S.S. BRASILIA 11th Jan.
" SILESIA 14th Jan.	For Havre & Hamburg:
" SUEVIA 27th Jan.	S.S. SAMBIA 16th Jan.
" O. J. D. ALBERS 11th Feb.	For Rotterdam, Bremen & Hamburg:
" SPEZIA 26th Feb.	S.S. FRIEDRICH 24th Jan.
" SENEGAMBIA 10th March	For Havre & Hamburg:
" SITHONIA 23rd March	S.S. ALTMARK 5th Feb.
	For Marseilles, Bremen & Hamburg:
	S.S. GOLDENFELS 17th Feb.

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EASTWARD.

The S.S. "FULTALA," 1151 tons gross, Capt. H. W. Talbot, will be
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cargo and passengers at current rates.

WESTWARD.

The S.S. "OKARA," 5231 tons gross, Capt. E. R. Hirst, will be
patched for SINGAPORE, PENANG and RANGOON on the 12th January
1913 at noon, and will be followed by the S.S. "UPALA," 5257 tons gross,
Capt. Logan, sailing hence on or about the 26th January 1913 at noon, taking
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LOG BOOK.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Penang Maru.

A steamer recently bought by
the Nippon Yusen Kaisha in Eng-
land and named the Penang Maru
will leave London for Yokohama,
via ports, towards the end of
December.
Old B.I. Boat to be Broken up.
The B.I.S.N. Company's steamer
Wardha has been sold, states the
Rangoon Gazette, to Genoa Ship-
breakers. She was built in 1887
and is of 3,967 tons gross. The
same company's steamer Lwada
has been sold to Japanese
owners.

Port of London.

Current activity in the ship-
ping trade in London is suggest-
ed by the action of the Port
Authority in accepting the tender
of the Thames Ironworks for the
construction and delivery of five
huge steel pontoons for use in
discharging vessels at the West
Indian Dock. Another decision
which has been taken by the
Authority is to transport to Til-
bury Dock, the modern electric
plant at the Victoria Dock, which
has been freed by obtaining a
supply of current from the West
Ham Corporation. At Tilbury,
where the Authority generates
the electricity required at the
Docks, the demand is growing
with the increasing business, and
the transferred plant will enable
the Authority to provide for this
demand at comparatively small
expense.

Competition in Chinese
Passenger Trade.

Quite an unusual scene of
bustle was witnessed at Tanjong
Pagar Dock, Singapore, recently,
the occasion being the departure
for China of a large number of
Chinese passengers of both sexes,
by the Hakata Maru. Hitherto,
says the "Straits Times," the
Chinese, when in large numbers,
aboard all steamers, except the
Sung and Apoor lines and
steamers owned by Chinese.
Latterly they appear to have
patronized the Japanese and B.
I. lines as well, but rarely in very
large numbers. This is perhaps
the first occasion on which so
many have taken passage by a
Japanese steamer. The com-

petition in the Chinese passenger
trade is so keen just now that
all Chinese owned steamers are
not likely to have, as formerly,
the bulk of the trade to them-
selves. It is said that the trade is
so remunerative, that ship-owners
would rather shut out cargo than
passengers.

Manila Shipping.

Disregarding the interference of
the Government in the regulation
of passenger and freight rates,
the manager of a leading shipping
firm in Manila says:—"To pro-
tect the public and shippers the
customs authorities required the
shipowners to keep their ships in
a first-class and fully seaworthy
condition. As a result there are
always vessels out of commission
awaiting repairs. "Now," he
went on, "it is well known that
the ship at Cebu or at Cavite can-
not handle all the repairs required
in the coastwise fleet and for this
reason some vessels must go to
Hongkong for necessary repairs.
To have your repairs done at
Hongkong or any other foreign
port means that upon return to
the islands you are required to
pay 50 per cent. of the total cost
of the repairs as a contribution
to the customs officers and this is
another reason why at present
no shipowner is seriously con-
templating the purchase of any
new ships."

Improvements in B.I. Mail
Communications.

The following press com-
munique has been issued in
India:—"Preparatory to the intro-
duction of the various improve-
ments in the several mail services
performed by the British India
Steam Navigation Company,
which are to be provided for in
the new mail contract now under
negotiation, the company have
been permitted to inaugurate, in
advance the proposed improved
services on two of the three lines
of mail communication between
Calcutta and Rangoon, commencing
with the first sailings in De-
cember next from each terminal
port. The days of arrival and
departure will, accordingly, be as
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Sunday, Tue-

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European Ports.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight Apply To	To be Dispatched.
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London and Antwerp	Monmouthshire	J. M. & Co.	18 Jan., about
London and Antwerp via Singapore, &c.	Sumatra	P. & O. Co.	8 Jan., about
London and Antwerp via Singapore, &c.	Sambia	H. A. L.	11 January
Havre and Hamburg, &c.	Altmark	H. A. L.	5 February
do do do	Fuerst Buelow	H. A. L.	24 January
Rotterdam, Bremen and Hamburg, &c.	Armenia	H. A. L.	25 January
do do do	Brasilia	H. A. L.	5 January
Bremen and Hamburg, &c.	Kiyo Maru	T. K. K.	1 February
Mexico, Peruvian and Chili via Japan	Danerio	Bank Line	Begin January
Capo Ports via Mauritius	Canton	A. N. & Co.	15 January
Copenhagen and Baltic Ports	Porsia	S. W. & Co.	31 Dec., about
Trieste, Fiume, Venice via Singapore, &c.	Goldenfels	H. A. L.	7 February
Marseilles	Kamo Maru	N. Y. K.	1 January
Marseilles, London & Antwerp via Singapore, &c.	Koerber	S. W. & Co.	19 January
Trieste via Singapore, Penang & Colombo, &c.	Kleist	M. & Co.	8 January
Naples, Genoa, Algiers, Gibraltar, Southampton	Tientsin	B. & S.	31 December
Port Courbet			

New York, San Francisco and Canada.

New York via Suez Canal	Schuykill	Bank Line	30 December
New York via Ports and Suez Canal	Swazi	S. T. & Co.	9 Jan., about
San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Nile	P. M. Co.	31 December
do do do do	Mongolia	P. M. Co.	7 January
do do do do	Nippon Maru	T. K. K.	11 January
do do do do	Ockley	Bank Line	End of December
Victoria, Vancouver, &c.	Panama Maru	O. S. K.	4 January
Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Keelung, &c.	Awa Maru	N. Y. K.	31 December
Victoria, B.C., and Seattle via Shanghai, &c.	Empress of India	C. P. R. Co.	11 January
Vancouver via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Monteagle	C. P. R. Co.	8 March
Vancouver			

Australia.

Australian Ports	Changsha	B. & S.	4 January
Australian Ports via Manila	St. Albans	G. L. & Co.	4 January
do do do	Yawata Maru	N. Y. K.	15 January

Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tjitaroen	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do	Tjimarhi	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Thongwa	D. S. & Co.	30 December
do do do	Katsang	J. M. & Co.	10 January
do do do	Okara	J. M. & Co.	12 January
Singapore, Penang and Rangoon	Colombo Maru	N. Y. K.	1 January
Singapore, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta	Kamakura Maru	N. Y. K.	3 January
Dombay via Singapore and Colombo	Borneo	M. & Co.	Middle of January
Kudat and Sandakan	Tjiliwang	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
Japan	Tjimanoeck	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do	Fultala	J. M. & Co.	14 January
Yokohama and Kobe	E. F. Ferdinand	S. W. & Co.	30 Dec., about
Yokohama and Kobe via Shanghai	Vorwaerts	S. W. & Co.	30 Dec., about
do do do	Arratoon Apar	D. S. & Co.	3 January
Kobe and Moji	Coblentz	M. & Co.	7 Jan., about
Kobe and Yokohama	Kaga Maru	N. Y. K.	2 January
do do do	Nikko Maru	N. Y. K.	15 January
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Si-Kiang	M. M. Co.	1 January
Kwang-chow-wang and Haiphong	Changchow	B. & S.	31 December
Tsingtau, Weihaiwei, &c.	Haitan	D. L. & Co.	29 December
Swatow	Haiyang	D. L. & Co.	31 December
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Kaijo Maru	O. S. K.	1 January
Pao how via Swatow and Amoy	Daigi Maru	O. S. K.	29 December
Tamsui via Swatow and Amoy	Yuen-sang	J. M. & Co.	4 January
Manila	Rubi	B. & S.	31 December
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Cummarthenshire	S. T. & Co.	7 January
Manila, Maricao, Hilo and Cebu	Dumbra	J. M. & Co.	14 Jan., about
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Altmark	H. A. L.	30 December
do do do	Tosa Maru	N. Y. K.	3 January
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Fookang	N. Y. K.	6 January
do do do	Jelunga	J. M. & Co.	4 January
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Kawachi Maru	D. S. & Co.	16 January
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Sunda	N. Y. K.	1 January
Shanghai, Taingtau, Kobe and Yokohama	Goeben	P. & O. Co.	30 Dec., about
Shanghai	Tjilatjap	M. & Co.	9 Jan., about
do do do	Tjibodas	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do	Tjikini	P. M. Co.	Quick despatch
do do do	Koorber	J. W. & Co.	5 January
do do do	Choysang	S. M. & Co.	29 December
do do do	India	P. & O. Co.	2 Jan., about

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Captain H. Bremer (ready to land on
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8 TUESDAY the 28th Dec., at 5 p.m.

For freight or passage, apply to
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
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Hongkong, 24th Dec. 1912.

Leave Rangoon Tuesday Thurs.
Arrive Calcutta Thurs. Satur.

The improved services will be
similarly introduced on the lines
between Rangoon and Mergui,
between Moulmein and Penang,
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International football at Peking.

In an international football
match in Peking last week a
British team defeated an Austrian
team by nine goals to two.

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Hongkong, 2nd Dec. 1912.

Naval Wedding.

On Dec. 11 Lieutenant John
Graham Bower, R.N., son of Sir
Graham Bower, R.N., of Studwell
Lodge, Droxford, was married to
Miss Doris Violet Coghlan White,
younger daughter of Mr. H. F.
Coghlan White, Assistant Magis-
trate and Collector (retired) of
Kinta, Perak, at Holy Trinity,
Kensington Gore.

MOVEMENTS OF
STEAMERS.VESSELS ADVERTISED TO
DEPART TO-MORROW.

For	Vessel
Swatow,	Daigi-maru.
Swatow,	Haimun.
Shanghai,	Wingsang.
Shanghai,	Choysang.

DEPART ON MONDAY.

For	Vessel
India,	Thongwa.
Seattle,	Cyclops.
Formosa,	Fukui-maru.
Mexico,	Kathe.
Marseilles,	Ernest Simons.
New York,	Schuykill.
Japan,	Vorwaerts.

VESSELS ADVERTISED TO
ARRIVE ON MONDAY.

From	Vessels
Singapore,	Sunda.
Sabaug,	Kanaas.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The T. K. K. s.s. Nippon Maru,
arrives at Yokohama from Hono-
lulu on the 24th inst. and is ex-
pected on the 3rd January.

The T. K. K. s.s. Tonyo Maru,
left Honolulu for Yokohama on
the 19th inst. and is due here on
the 9th January.

The P.M. s.s. Persia, with the
American mail left San Francisco
for this port via Japan and Shang-
hai on the 31st inst.

The P.M. s.s. Nile, will be dis-
patched from this port for San
Francisco via Shanghai, Naga-
saki, Kobe, Yokohama and Hono-
lulu on the 31st inst. at 1 p.m.

The P.M. s.s. Mongolia, arrived
at Manila on the 27th inst., at
noon, and is expected to arrive
between 2 and 4 a.m. and is ex-
pected to leave that port for
Hongkong on the 31st inst., be-
tween 2 and 4 p.m.

FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. s.s. Ernest Simons,
left Shanghai on the 27th inst., at
noon, and is expected to arrive
here on the 30th inst. at daylight.
She will leave for Europe on the
same day about 10 p.m.
The M.M. s.s. Calcedonien, will
leave Shanghai on the 28th inst.,
at noon, and is due to arrive here
on the 31st inst., at daylight.
She will leave for Europe on the
same day about 7 p.m.

GERMAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. York, which
left here on the 27th ult. at 10 a.m.
arrived at Genoa on the 23rd inst.,
at 7 p.m.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. and A. str. St. Albans,
from Sydney, left Port Darwin on
the 2nd inst. for Timor, Manila
and Hongkong.

The E. and A. s.s. Eastern, left
Sydney on the 18th inst. for this
port via Queensland and ports,
Port Darwin and Manila.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Sigis-
mund, which left here on the 30th
ult., arrived at Sydney on the
24th inst. at 7 p.m.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The s.s. Shimosa sailed from
New York on the 24th ult., for
Far East, via the Straits.

The str. Kansas, passed the
Suez Canal on the 3rd December,
and is due here on or about 3rd
January.

The I. M. G. s.s. Coblentz, left
Sydney on the 14th inst., at 11
a.m., and may be expected here
on or about 6th January.

The T. K. K. s.s. Kiyo Maru,
arrives at Yokohama from Hono-
lulu on the 2nd January and is
expected here on the 18th January.

The s.s. Glenroy, passed the
Suez Canal on the 20th inst. for
Hongkong via Straits.

The Indra Line s.s. Indrameyo,
from New York, is due at Hong-
kong on the 31st inst. She left
Sabaug, on the 20th inst.

The B. I. S. N. s.s. Fultala, from
Rangoon, is due at Hongkong on
the 5th January.

The H. A. L. s.s. Altmark, left
Singapore on the 26th inst., at a.m.,
and may be expected here on or
about 1st January.

The P. & O. s.s. Sunda, left
Singapore for this port on the 23rd
inst., at 8.30 a.m., and is due here
on the 30th inst. at about 6 a.m.

The American & Manchurian
Line s.s. Kansas, left Sabaug on
the 22nd inst., and is due here on
or about 30th inst. p.m.

The s.s. Pathan, arrived at
Boston on the 20th inst.

The I.-C. S. S. N. s.s. Fookang,
from Calcutta, is due at Hongkong
on the 2nd January.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Awa Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,911, R.
Shimizu, 22nd Dec.—
Shanghai 19th Dec., Gen.—
N. Y. K.

Porneo, Ger. s.s., 1,344, F. Sembill,
24th Dec.—Sandakan
28th Dec., Timber—M. &
Co.

Changchow, Br. s.s., 1,303, Trow-
bridge, 14th Dec.—Tien-
tsin 8th Dec., Gen.—B.
& S.

Daigi Maru, Jap. s.s., 846, Y.
Somokawa 25th Dec.—
Swatow 24th Dec., Gen.—
O. S. K.

Paio Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,295, Kata-
yama, 26th Dec.—Port
Arthur 19th Dec., Coal.
—M. B. K.

Empress of India, Br. s.s., 5,940,
A. Hailey, 21st Dec.—
Vancouver, B.C., 28th
Nov., Mail & Gen.—C.
P. R. Co.

Fitzclarence, Br. s.s., 2,833, J. H.
Harr, 25th Dec.—Moji
21st Dec., Fish and Flour
Order

Fukui Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,087, H.
Tominka, 26th Dec.—
Moji 20th Dec., Coal—
M. B. K.

Haimun, Br. s.s., 641, J. W. Evans,
27th Dec.—Swatow 26th
Dec., Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Irene, Chi. s.s., 827, Baines,
25th Dec.—Canton 25th
Dec., Gen.—C. M. S. N.
Co.

J. B. Aug Kessler, Dutch s.s., J. V.
Biesen, 26th Dec.—Taran-
ka 19th Dec., Bulk oil—
A. P. Co.

Kachidate Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,128,
Ohashi, 25th Dec.—Milke
18th Dec., Coal—M. B.
K.

Kaifong, Br. s.s., 1,026, J. V. Sid-
ford, 27th Dec.—Manila
24th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Kashing, Br. s.s., 1,134, Lewis,
22nd Dec.—Canton 21st
Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Kathe, Br. s.s., 1,207, H. Frand-
sen, 25th Dec.—Guay-
mas (Masscar) 15th Nov.
Ballast.—Order.

Keemun, Br. s.s., 5,871, R. Cow-
rati, 6th Dec.—Seattle
via Japan 27th Nov.,
Gen.—B. & S.

Laertes, Br. s.s., 1,320, Wawn, 5th
Dec.—Saigon 22nd Nov.,
Gen.—Wo Fat Sing.

Nile, Br. s.s., 3,155, G. L. Lapraik,
25th Dec.—San Fran-
cisco 23rd Nov., Gen.—
P. M. Co.

Ockley, Br. s.s., 2,928, R. W. Bar-
rett, 23rd Dec.—Seattle,
U.S.A. 4th Nov., Gen.—
B. L.

Orterio, Br. s.s., 4,105, R. J.
Howie, 25th Dec.—Van-
couver, B.C., 22nd Nov.,
Gen.—M. Trad Co.

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Hongkong Hotel	
Adair, Mr. and Judah, Mrs. A.	N. E.
Ardern, J. S.	Kelly, H. A.
Ball, Mr. and Klose, Dr.	Mrs. F. S. Komor, S.
Barberini, E. T.	Lloyd, G. T.
Bargmann, F.	Lowrie, S.
Baring, M.	Lowndes, Mr.
Bate, E. R.	& Mrs. J. L.
Beale, E. L.	MacGregor, N.
Beaumont, G. A.	McC.
Bellios, Mrs. E.	Mackenzie, A.
R.	MacLennan, D.
Bena, G. A.	G.
Beaumont, R. C.	MacIntyre, Mr.
Bessinger, Dr.	and Mrs. Nell.
A.	Macdonald, Mr.
Binns, S. C.	and Mrs. F. C.
Blanch, Mr. and Macrae, Mrs.	
"Mrs. N. F.	Marriott, Dr. O.
Bradford, Miss Matheson, Mrs.	
Pauline	R. T. and
Buschner, O.	child.
Campbell, A.	Maxxon, J. R.
Castlin, Harry	Melcher, J. B.
"Halkley, Mr. & Mehta, K. B.	
Mrs. H. F.	McNeck, J.
Chaplin, Mrs. McCoughly	and maid
D. C.	
Christie, P. N.	McKenny, Dr.
Claxton, A. A.	O. W. & Mrs.
Cogan, J.	Millard, P. H.
Cokely, T. J.	Mitchell, Mrs.
Cowan, Mrs. W.	Mr. and Mrs.
F.	E. V.
Cowie, A. G.	Monkman, Capt.
Crocker, Miss	E.
Curry, G. P.	Mulder, Mr. and
Doane, A. F.	Mrs. J. D. F.
Denison, O. G.	Notcomb, O.
D'Oettingen, V.	Capt. & Mr.
Donaldson, R. A.	F. D.
Douglas, Mrs. R.	Palma, Miss B.
H.	Pomeroy, Miss
Drow, W. C.	S. P.
Earle, Miss S. H.	Puckett, C. W.
Ehrenfels, Mr.	Ray, E. H.
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Fischer, F.	Romus, Mr. &
Fielding, H. M.	Mrs. & maid
Finlayson, Mrs.	Robbins, F. L.
C.	Schmoke, W.
Fisher, H. G.	Seabury, Mrs.
Forrest, R. L.	Shaw, H. G.
Fowler, E. A. S.	Sibley, J. C.
French, Mrs. & Skinner, C. F.	
child	Solomon, H. H.
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Mrs. F. J.	Spittles, Mr. &
George, Miss	Mrs. James.
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bell	Stephens, W. A.
Gibson, J. Com-	Stimson, E. T.
bell	Sullar, J.
Gissler, Dr.	Trowbridge, G.
Gough, G. C.	Capt.
Gordon, A. G.	Vermeli, G.
Goulbourn, V.	Vollbrecht, E.
Gould, Mr. and	E.
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Gourget, J.	Watkins, H.
Gratama, D. M.	Watkins, C. E.
G.	Webb, Mr. and
Griffith, F. T.	Mrs. B.
Grimshaw, R. J.	Weber, E. A.
Hall, Capt. T. P.	Welch, T. C.
Harbord, W. R.	Whamond, D.
Harrison, A.	M.
Hatch, F. C.	Whiting, A. B.
Hoapo, F. B.	White, Mr. and
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Hope, E.	Wood, G. G.
Howard Mrs. J.	Wright, S. S.
Hunt, Th. van	Mrs. J. F.
Innes, Capt. R.	Young, J. A.
Astor House.	
Arnold, J. B.	Kennedy, L.
Beal, J. P.	Lapicque, P. A.
Bennett, F. M.	Lugebill, V.
Bryan, M.	McKinney, C.
Birot, L.	W.
Brown, J.	Miller, H. H.
Calvert, F. J.	Mitchell, J. S.
Carr, J. B.	Morton, Mrs. S.
Carpenter, Mrs.	Musso, F.
G. A.	Newton, J. C.
Chapman, John	Norton, A. W.
S.	Ortega, J.
Chenau, H. V.	Ossipoff, E.
Cherry, B.	Patten, S.
Chlynovsky, B.	Pratt, W. E.
Chopard, F. A.	Presby, S. Allen
"Chen, A.	Sadoul, M.
Guddy, E. A.	Scott, J. A.
Dorey, S. H.	Short, A.
Evans, Geo.	Vergiete
Hoges, B. F.	Wheatley, M.
James, M.	Wood, H. O.
Jeanin, H. E.	Williams, F. E.
Jarade, Doctor.	Williamson, C.
King, Miss M.	J.
O.	Woodward.
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Bowes, Mr. and	Mudie, Mr. and
Mrs.	
Calvert, F.	Norton, A.
Chintoun, Miss	Pablo, J. J.
Fale, Odolade	Paul S.
Davies, H.	Pierce, J. S.
Devercaux, B.	Pink, Mr. and
Elson	Mrs.
Fisher, W.	Pollard, Harry
Grace, J.	Postou, Fay
Gregory, W. P.	Raynes, J.
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Hanson, Amy	Russell, D.
Hartley, Miss	Sach, Capt.
Fay	Salt, A.
Hartman, Mr. &	Sharp, H. J.
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Leon, Mrs. N.	Mrs.
Lois, F.	Vermint, Miss
Myall, A. T.	Watkins, G. A.

MARKET PRICES.

Hongkong, Dec 19, 1912.

BUTCHER MEAT.

Meat	
Beef Sirloin & Prime Out, - Moifung Pa	lb. 18
" Corned, - Ham Ngau Yuk	" 18
" Roast, - Shin	" 18
" Breast, - Nagu Lam	" 12
" Soup, - Tong Yuk	" 15
" Steak, - Ngau Yuk Pa	" 18
" do. - Sirloin Ootom - Ngau Lau	" 28
" Sausages, - Ngau Chong	" 20
Bullock's Brains, - Know	per set 9
" Tongue fresh, - Ngau Li	each 45
" corned, - Ham Ngau Li	" 55
" Head, - Ngau Tan	" 60
" Heart, - Ngau Sam	" 12
" Hump, Salt, - Ngau Kin	" 15
" Feet, - Ngau Kaak	" 8
" Kidneys, - Ngau Yi	" 9
" Tail, - Ngau Mei	" 18
" Liver, - Ngau Kon	lb. 17
" Tripe (undressed), - Ngau To	" 5
Calve Head & Feet, - Ngau Chai-tai-kark	set \$1
Mutton Chop, - Yeung Pai Kwat	lb. 25
" Leg, - Yeung Poi	" 22
" Shoulder, - Yeung Shau	" 24
Pigs Chittings, - Chu Chong	per set 22
" Brains, - Chu Know	lb. 12
" Feet, - Chu Kark	" 30
" Fry, - Chu Chak	" 18
" Head, - Chu Tau	each 10
" Heart, - Chu Sum	" 8
" Kidneys, - Chu Yiu	lb 30
" Liver, - Chu Con	" 24
Pork Chop, - Chu Pai Kwat	" 25
" Corned, - Ham Chu Yuk	" 22
" Leg, - Chu Pa	" 22
" Fat or Lard, - Chu Yau	set 65
Sheep Head and Feet, - Yeung Chai Kark	each 7
" Heart, - Yeung Sum	" 9
" Kidneys, - Yeung Yiu	lb. 25
" Liver, - Yeung Con	" 22
Smoking Pigs, To Order - Chu Cha	" 18
Suet, Beef, - Sang Ngau Yau	" 25
" Mutton, - Sang Yeung Yau	" 18
" Veal, - Ngau Chai Yuk	" 28
" Sausages, - Ngau Chai Chong	" 28

POULTRY.

Poultry	
Chicken, - Kai Chai	lb 30
Ospans, Large, Small, - Sin Kai	" 30
Ducks, - Ap	" 20
Doves, - Pan Kau	each 18
Eggs, Hen, - Kai Tan	per doz 24
Fowls, Canton, - Kai	lb 30
" Hainan, - Hoi Nam Kai	" 28
Geese, - Ngai	pair \$1.50
Goose, Wild, - Shang-ho Yeh Ngai	each \$3.50
Manx Deer, - Wong Keng	" 55
Hare, Shanghai, - Tu Chai	" 50
Partridge, - Che Khoo	pair \$1.45
Pheasant, - Shan Kai	each 30
Pigeons, Canton, - Pak Kap	" 26
" Hoihow, - Hoi How Pak Kap	" 13
Quail, - Um Chuan	dozen 1
Rice Birds, - Wo Fa Cheul	each 22
Snipe, - Sa Choy	lb. 65
Turkeys, Cook, - Phor Kai Kung	" 50
" Hen, - Na	" 45
Wild Ducks, - Shang-hoi Sui Ap	" 45
Teal, - Sui Ap Chai	" 75
Wild Ducks Canton, - Sang Shing Sui Ap	" 75

FISH.

Fish	
Barbel, - Ka Yu	lb 8
Bream, - Bin Yu	" 13
Canton Fresh Water Fish, - Hoi Sin Yu	" 13
Carp, - Li Yu	" 18
Catfish, - Chik Yu	" 17
Codfish, - Mun Yu	" 18
Crayfish, - Hai	" 18
Cuttle Fish, - Muk Yu	" 15
Dab, - Sa Mang Yu	" 15
Dace, - Wong Mei Lun	" 11
Dog Fish, - Tit Tu Sa	" 8
Eels, Congor, - Hoi Mann	" 15
" Fresh water, - Tam Sin Yu	" 13
Eels, Yellow, - Wong Sin	" 24
Frogs, - Tien Kai	" 28
Garoupe, - Sek Pan	" 56
Gardoon, - Pak Kap Yu	" 10
Herrings, - Tao Pak	" 18
Halibut, - Cheung Kwau Kap	" 28
Labrus, - Wong Ka Yu	" 15
Loach, - Wu Yu	" 28
Loach, - Loach	" 24
Mackerel, - Chi Yu	" 18
Monk Fish, - Mong Yu	" 28
Mullet, - Chai Yu	" 28
Parrotfish, - Kai Kung Yu	" 15
Perch, - Tau Lau	" 14
Pike, - Ya Paw Poong	" 8
Plaice, - Pan Yu	" 18
Pomfret, Black, - Hak Chong	" 20
Pomfret, White, - Pak Chong	" 28
Prawn, - Ming Ha	" 48
Ray, - Kai Pa Yu	" 8
Rock Fish, - Sak Ka Kung	" 14
Roach, - Chai Yu	" 10

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FRUITS

Fruits	
Almonds, - Hang Yau	lb. 25
Apples (California), - Kam San Ping Kho	" 20
" (Chesoo), - Tin Chun Ping Kho	" 20
" Small, - Hoi Tong	" 20
" Custard, - Fan Lai Chi	each 12
Bananas, fragrant, Canton, - San Shing Heung Chiu	lb. 3
" (brides), Macao, - San Heung Chiu	" 4
Chestnuts, Chinese, - Fong Lat	" 12
Carambola, - Yeung Tuo	" 12
Cocoanuts, - Yeh Tuo	each 12
Lemons, China, - Ning Moong	" 8
" America, - Kam San Ning Moon	" 8
Lichies Dried, - Lai Chi, small Stone	" 25
" Fresh	" 12
Limes, (Saigon), - Sai Kung Ning Moong	each 12
Mango, Manila, - Lui Sung Mong	" 12
Mangosteens, - San Chuk Tse	doz 12
Oranges, (Canton), - San-shing Tim Ching	lb 5
" Sweet	" 6
Pears, (American), - Kam San Shoot Lay	" 10
" (Canton), Cooking, - Sa Lay	" 10
Peanuts, - Fa Sang	" 10
Persimmons Large, - Hung Chio	" 8
Pine-apples, 1st quality, - Poon Ti Paw Law	each 8
" 2nd, - Chung-tang Paw Law	lb 6
Plantain, - Tai Chou	" 12
Plums, - Swatow, Hung Lai	" 13
Pumelo, Siam, - Chim Lo Yau	each 13
" Shanghai, - Lo Kwat	" 12
Walnuts, - Hop Tuo	lb 12
Green, - Sang Hop Tuo	" 12
Water Melon, - (Am.) Kom San Sai Kwa	each 14
" (China) Sai Kwa	" 12
Grapes, - Sang Po Tai Tse	lb 20

VEGETABLES, &c.

Vegetables, &c.	
Artichokes, Shanghai, - Sheung-hoi Ah Chi	lb 8
Beans, (French), Macao, - Oh Moou Pin Tau	" 12
" (French) Shanghai, - Sheung Hai Pin	" 10
" Tau	" 10
" Sprout, - Ah Cho	" 6
" Long, - Tan Ko	" 6
Beet Root, - Hung Choi Tau	each 6
Brinjals, Green, - Ching Yuan	" 6
" Red, - Hung Ker	" 6
Cabbage, Chinese, com, - Kai Choy	" 10
Cabbage Red, - Hung Yea Choy	" 10
Cabbage, Shanghai, - Yeh Chai	" 10
Cane Shoots, bunch, - Kan Shun	lb 10
Cauliflower, Large size, - Tai Yeh Cho Fa	each 15
" Medium size, - Cheung Yeh Cho Fa	" 12
" Small size, - Sai Yen Chai Fa	" 10
Carrots, - Kam Sham	lb. 6
Celery, Chinese, - Tong Kan Chai	" 5
" English, - Yeung Kan Chai	" 5
Chillies Dried, - Gon Lat Chiu	" 25
" Red, - Hung Far Chiu	" 15
" Green, - Ching Lat Chiu	" 10
Curry Stuff, English, - Kar Lee Chu Liu	" 10
Cucumbers, - Ching Kwa	" 2
Bitter Squash, - Fu Kwa	" 8
Garlic, - Que Tau	" 8
Ginger, young, - Sun Tse Keung	" 8
" old, - Lo Keung	" 8
Horse Radish, Shanghai, - Lik Kon	" 12
Indian Corn, - Suk Mai	each 5
Lettuce, - Yeung Sang Chai	" 1
Water Chestnuts, - Ma Tai	lb. 6
" Mandarin, - Kwai Lam Ma Tai	" 8
Mushrooms, Fresh, - Sang Cho Koo	" 14
Mush Melon, Amer. - Kam-san Hong Kwa	each 1
Okroes, -	" 14
Onions Bombay, - Yeung Chong Tau	" 8
" Green, - Sang Chong	" 6
" Shanghai, - Shang-hoi Chong Tau	" 6
Papaw, 1st qual. - Tai Man San Kwa	each 10
" 2nd	" 6
Paraley, - Kun Cho	" 8
Green Peas, - Ching Tau	lb. 15
Potatoes, Sweet, - Kan Shu	" 3
" Shanghai, - Shang-hoi Shu Tau	" 3
" Japan, - Yut Poon Shu Tau	" 3
" American, - Fa Ki Shu Tau	" 8
" Foochow, - Foo-chow Shu Tau	" 8
Pumpkin, - Tong Kwa	" 3
Radish, - Hung Lo Pak Tsai	" 5
Rhubarb (Fresh), - Tai Wong	" 1
Sage, - Tse So	" 8
Shallots, - Gon Chung Tau	" 8
Spinach, - Yin Chai	" 6
Tomatoes, - Fan Kar	" 6
" Wai Tau	" 4
" Punai, (Gong), - Lo Pak	" 4
" English, - Yeung Lo Pak	" 4
Vegetable Marrow, - Chit Kwa	" 1
" (American), - Kam-san Chit Kwa	" 1
Water Cress, - Sai Yeung Chai	" 14
" Lily root, - Lin Ngau	" 6
Yams, - Tai Shu	" 5

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COMMERCIAL.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs Wright and Hornby, in their weekly share Report, dated December 28, states:—

The Christmas holidays have interfered with business to some extent, but the market closes firm with a fair amount of business doing both for investment and settlement account.

Para Rubber is quoted from London at 47 per lb. and the market for shares closed steady.

Bar Silver is quoted from London at 287-8d. per oz. for ready and 291-16 per oz. for forward delivery, quiet but steady.

Exchange on London opened to-day at 2/- 13-16 TT.

Banks.—Hongkong & Shanghai Banks have sold at \$380 and close with further sellers at this rate. The London price is 284-1/2.

Marine Insurance.—Unions have ruled quiet, with sellers at \$817-1-2. Canteons are steady at \$270. North China are quoted from the North at Tls. 135 and Yangtzes at \$192 Ex. 73.

Fire Insurance.—Hongkong Fires have improved from \$370 to \$378 buyers. China Fires are in demand at \$148.

Shipping.—Indos are unchanged at \$88; London quotes \$815/- for the combined shares, middle prices. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are obtainable at \$281-4 and China and Manilas at \$12. Douglas's remain unchanged at \$341-2, nominal. Star Ferries have changed hands at \$35 and have further buyers. Shell Transports have buyers for London account at 111/6d.; London quotes 112/6d. middle.

Refineries.—China Sugars are wanted at \$106 and Luzons have sellers at \$104.

Mining.—Raubs are easier with sellers at \$4. Langkats are quoted from Shanghai at Tls. 723 buyers. Tronohs are a firm market with buyers at 81/0; London quotes 82/0 middle.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong Docks could be placed at \$57 1/2 and Shanghai Docks at Tls. 55. Kowloon Wharves are a strong market with buyers at \$78. Hongkong Wharves are quoted at Tls. 103.

Land, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands close quiet at \$105. Kowloon Lands are wanted at \$36 and West Points at \$57. Hongkong Hotels keep steady at \$115 and \$73. Humphreys Estates have sold at \$8 and close steady.

Cotton Mills.—Hongkong Cottons have changed hands at \$81 and more shares could be placed at this rate. Shanghai Cottons are obtainable at Tls. 115 and Ewo's are wanted at Tls. 121. Kung Yicks at Tls. 15 and Soey Chees at Tls. 44.

Miscellaneous.—There are buyers of Cements at 420, China Borneos at 91, China Providents at \$0, Dairy Farms at \$21, Ropes at \$10, Watsons at \$6.10, China Light and Powers at \$2.75, Wm. Powells at \$1, Weissmanns at \$17 and Hongkong Electric at \$25. There are sellers of Union Waterboats at \$14, China Light and Powers at \$2.90 and Hongkong Electric Trams at 4/9.

Quotations received by cable from London to-day:—

Banks \$84 1/2 Middle Price
Indos \$815/- do
Shells \$512/6 do
Tronohs \$412/6 do
United Serdangs \$85/5 do
Rubber Trusts 12/6 do

Effect of American Silver in Asia.

In former years, when transport difficulties between Kashgar and Russian Turkestan were considerable, all the silver from which the local Chinese tael coins of Turkestan were minted was brought from China proper by cart via Lanchow. For that reason silver was scarce and had a high exchange value in comparison with that of places where the influx of silver was less restricted by physical obstacles. Now, however, according to the "Indian Trade Journal" American silver is largely imported via Russia, and the result has been a local depreciation of that metal. Prices, therefore, reckoned in the local silver currency, have been on an upward grade; and as this condition applies to all commodities alike—local produce as well as foreign goods—the price of Turkestan imports from India has participated in the rise.

Notices

Public Works Department.

No. B. 430.—The following particulars of letting by tender of certain granite quarries in the Island of Hongkong, and Kowloon and New Territories are published.

Sealed tenders, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Quarries," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Monday, the 6th January, 1913.

Tenders must be in form which will be supplied by the Director of Public Works upon deposit of a sum of \$10.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

Particulars and conditions of the letting by tender by order of His Excellency the Governor of the following lots of Crown Land in Hongkong, Kowloon and New Territories, for the purpose of Quarrying Granite for a period extending from the 16th January to 31st December, 1913.

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1912. [18]

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WHITE AUSTRALIA.

Another Side of the Policy.

Sydney, Nov. 16.

Not every Australian holds by the "White Australia" shibboleth (writes a correspondent of the "N. China Daily News"). Many business men, who have visited the East, and seen something of its overcrowded state, have come back deeply impressed with the idea that the Commonwealth is making a blunder in adopting a policy of unrelenting exclusion.

The latest of these is Mr. F. A. Palmer, a member of a leading Sydney firm. He declares that there is trouble ahead. "Coming through China and Japan," he told an interviewer, "I saw a population which was choking for an outlet. They teemed in millions. On the little islands of Japan, it seemed to me as if they would soon slop over into the sea. And then, when I came down the coast of our great continent, where there is scarcely a fly, let alone a man, to the square mile, I saw the difference. These people would stand this sort of thing for long. If Britain gets her navy tied up in the North Sea, where will we be with our little squibs of warships? The Japanese bitterly resent our exclusion policy."

Mr. Palmer also had something to say about the business morality of the Japanese. "It used to be considered," he said, "that the Japanese was a somewhat slippery customer in business. Things, however, have changed since then. When Japan was struggling for recognition as a first-class Power, it was only the lower-class man who went in for business and his moral standard, it must be conceded, was not high. But now the educated Japanese has supplanted him, and his one aim seems to be to remove the old stain, and his greatest ambition is to induce the European to trust him. In all my own relations with them, I received nothing but the best of treatment."

Coloured Competition.
The great bugbear by which the "White Australia" policy is buttressed (after the dread of the Australian workingman of coloured competition) is the dread of intermarriage. But the present policy seems directly calculated to lead to it. Chinese who have been here before are allowed to return. But they are not allowed to bring their wives with them. The inevitable, and very conspicuous consequence it that they take up with white women, who, sometimes, by the way, find their protection a very welcome refuge from the brutality of men of their own race—and bring up large families of half-castes. Thus it will be till the end of the chapter.

Meanwhile the Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Thomas, is determined to keep out Chinese women, and to turn out, if he can, those who, on one pretext or another, have already succeeded in gaining admission. This is not always an easy matter. Chinese wives, like Mrs. Poon Goocoy, are allowed to visit their husbands for periods which are to be strictly limited. But when they are once here, they make such moving appeals that their time is extended, and when the command to go at last becomes peremptory, a damaging cry of "inhumanity" is raised against the Minister. One woman he allowed to stay for three months. At the end of the period he was induced to extend it three months more. But just before the second three months expired, he got a communication enclosing a medical certificate, stating that the lady was quite unfit to travel. What can the most Spartan of Ministers do in a case of that kind? The cases are numerous. Mr. Thomas has made up his mind as to what he will not do. He will not grant any more permits to Chinese ladies on any consideration whatever, though their request is backed up by all the doctors and lawyers in the country.

SHORT SERMON.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.—Psalms, ciii, 2.

On Wednesday last, in accordance with our national custom, people stopped in their regular weekday round of work to give thanks to God for the blessings and bounty of the year past.

Millions knelt in prayer to thank an ever-kind heavenly Father for a multitude of benefits far beyond counting—for to each person among those millions the twelve-month now ending has brought individual blessings, in addition to the more easily seen nationwide gifts, such as peace, plenty and prosperity.

Would that every knee might be bent and every head might be bowed in acknowledgment of the many things for which all of us should be thankful. May the day be not far distant when this observance shall be general in a literal sense; when its pleasures and pastimes shall be secondary considerations, the first thought being the showing of gratitude for the great goodness that comes to us from One who must love us as a perfect mother loves her child.

For He does for us all we can conceive a perfect mother could do, and often His mercies surpass the bounds of our farthest dreams and highest hopes.

Among the readers of this may be some who do not feel they have much for which to be thankful; some who, while bowed in grief, have had the light of joy shut out by clouds of loss; some who have failed in what they tried to do; many who have suffered for this, indeed, is the "star of suffering" as Fra Ugo Bassi called it in his wonderful "Sermon in the Hospital."

To all such just one question,—Has the sorrow, the lack, the burden, been overpowering, and has no ray of blessing broken through the clouded sky?

Who can say it has! Where the life that for a whole year has been barren of blessings; where the life that has not felt the touch of a Father's hand or shared in His generous goodness!

Of course, it is human to magnify misfortune and take blessings as more or less a matter of course, but we have within us the power to rise above mere humanity and to approach the stature of the divine. We have ever before us the possibility, remote though it seem, of being perfect even as our Father in heaven is perfect.

And if we had kept strict account of the blessings and benefits that came during the past year, we should find them far greater in number than we now think. They are easy to forget because they leave no scars. Yet how often the scars of past conflicts encourage and help us!

And how much of blessing comes to us through the commonplaces of life; the daily succession of those small benefits so long ours that we have come to think of them as part and parcel of our own works,—almost as matters of our creation,—instead of gifts from without!

Think upon these things and this beautiful prayer:—

Thou art better to the worst of us than the best of us deserve. Help us to realize how good a thing it is to bear pain and weariness for Thee—like a keen knife sharpened down to the handle. Teach us to be fair, fair in the distribution of what is, after all, not our own. May our faith get into our hands and feet, into our tongues and tempers, so that the world may see how warm is our solicitude for Thy good name. May the man who is deliberately doing wrong have our pity and rebuke and, if it may be, our sympathy and help.

We thank Thee for past mercies and present blessings and future hopes, so bright, so winsome, so dazzling. And they are sure to come true.

Rice Duty in the Philippines.
By the grace of an executive order signed on the 21st inst. by the acting Governor General at Manila the duty on rice will continue for one year at the rate now being imposed. The present duty is P2 per 100 kilos but if the executive order continuing the rate had not been signed it would automatically have gone to P2.40 per 100 kilos. Under the law the Governor General is given the authority which he exercised in this matter.

POST OFFICE.

NEW YEARS HOLIDAY.

The Post Office will be open on Wednesday, the 1st January 1913 from 8 till 9 a.m. only. There will be one delivery of ordinary correspondence and one collection of letters.

The Money Order office will be entirely closed.

MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.

Coastports, s.s. Kaijo-maru.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

London 5 Dec. 21

Dec. 6 Dec. 23

MAILS CLOSE.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 29th Dec, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Tamaui—Per Daiji-maru, 29th Dec, 9 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 29th Dec, 1.15.

Straits, India via Calcutta—Per Thongwa, 30th Dec, noon.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 30th Dec, 1.30 p.m.

Japan via Kuchintu, Victoria, Tacoma Vancouver and Seattle—Per Cyclops, 30th Dec, 2 p.m.

Formosa via Takao—Per Fukui-maru, 30th Dec, 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haimun, 30th Dec, 5 p.m.

Manzanillo and Guaymas (Mexico)—Per Katha, 30th Dec, 5 p.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, West Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—Per Ernest Simons, 30th Dec, 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Choy-sang, 30th Dec, 5 p.m.

Port Courbet—Per Tientsin, 31st Dec, 9 a.m.

Batavia, Semarang, Sourabaya and Macassar—Per Tijmanoeck, 31st Dec, 10 a.m.

Tsingtau, Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Dalny—Per Changchow, 31st Dec, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan, via Moji, Victoria, B.C. and Seattle—Per Awa Maru, 31st Dec, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States and South America via San Francisco (Europe via Siberia)—Per Nile, 31st Dec, noon.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 31st Dec, 1.30 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Kaifong, 31st Dec, 3 p.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, West Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—Per Carledonien, 31st Dec, 5 p.m.

Fort Bayard, Haiphong, Pakhoi and Saigon—Per Sikiang, 1st Jan, 8 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haimun, 1st Jan, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Kaijo Maru, 1st Jan, 9 a.m.

Kudat and Sandakan—Per Borneo, 2nd Jan, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang, 2nd Jan, 5 p.m.

Japan via Yokohama—Per A. Apear, 3rd Jan, noon.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Darwin—Per St. Albans, 4th Jan, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per Fook-sang, 4th Jan, 10 a.m.

Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi. (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon, Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail (Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail). The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, the 3rd Jan, at 5 p.m. Per Delta, 4th Jan, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Yuen-sang, 4th Jan, 1 p.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Kutsang, 10th Jan, 1 p.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, United States, South America and Canada via Vancouver (Europe via Siberia)—Per Empress of India, 10th Jan, 6 p.m.

Japan via Yokohama—Per Fuku-taka, 15th Jan, 8 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Cyclops, Br. s.s., 9,032, D. Arthur, 27th Dec.—Manila 25th Dec, Gen.—B. & S.

Anghin, Ger. s.s., 1,005, C. Kumpel, 27th Dec.—Swatow 26th Dec, Rice.—B. & S.

Prinz Waldemar, Ger. s.s., 1,736, H. Bremer, 27th Dec.—Yokohama 20th Dec, Gen.—M. & Co.

Siam, Br. s.s., 992, Payne, 27th Dec.—Hongay 24th Dec, Coal.—Order.

Seanghoon, Br. s.s., 3,722, W. T. Larkins, 28th Dec.—Singapore 23rd Dec, Gen.—Seang Tai Hong

Kalgan, Br. s.s., 1,143, Davies, 28th Dec.—Canton 27th Dec, Ballast.—B. & S.

Linan, Br. s.s., 1,354, Williams, 28th Dec.—Canton 27th Dec, Gen.—B. & S.

Tientsin, Br. s.s., Robertson, 27th Dec.—Hongay 23rd Dec, Coal.—B. & S.

Mexican Prince, Br. s.s., 1,953, J. C. Young, 28th Dec.—Shanghai 24th Dec, Ballast.—A. P. Co.

Kaijo Maru, Jap. s.s., Y. Yamamoto, 28th Dec.—Swatow 27th Dec, Gen.—O. S. K

Haitan, Br. s.s., 1,182, J. S. Roach, 28th Dec.—Fochow, Amoy Swatow 27th Dec, Gen.—L. & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Dec. 27.

Denbighshire, for Antwerp.

Prinz Waldemar, for Sydney.

Kachidate-maru, for Karatsu.

Nelus, for Yokohama.

J. B. Ang Kessler, for Shanghai.

Hongkong, for Haiphong.

Dec. 28.

Petchaburi, for Kwong Yuen.

Keongwai, for Haiphong.

Carl Diederichsen, for Haiphong.

Loongsang, for Manila.

Haimun, for Swatow.

Anping, for Shanghai.

Wingsang, for Shanghai.

Sabine Rickmers, for Swatow.

Suisang, for Weihaiwei.

Zafro, for Manila.

DEPARTED.

Dec. 28.

Wuhu, for Hongay.

Halvard, for Bangkok.

Eiger, for Kwong Yuen.

Prin Waldemar, for New Zealand.

Zafro, for Philippine Islands.

Anping, for Shanghai.

Loongsang, for Philippine Islands.

Hongkong, for Haiphong.

Nelus, for Shanghai.

Wingsang, for Shanghai.

Kansu, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Prinz Waldemar, arrived 27th inst., from Yokohama:—

Campbell, Mr. & Mrs.

Per s.s. Kaijo Maru, arrived 28th inst., from Swatow:—

Brown, F. Q. Trimble, F. H.

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per s.s. Lutzow, sailed on 25th inst., for Singapore, &c:—

Bunce, Mrs. G. C. Ngau Yuen.

Chlynowsky, B. ping.

Chu Koh-pau, Petchche, B.

Choo Hang, Poon Ink-fook.

Chah Leung-see, Ross, Mr. and Chung Sang, Mr.

and Mrs. Rocque, La Carr, J. B.

Chow Seok-yoon, J.

Frye, Mrs. Mary Sweet Chee.

To Juan Jones.

Heidemann, J. Wood, Mr. and Koenig.

Libby, A. S. Whiting.

Li Ah Tye, Wheatlor.

Liang M. A. Wong, Kam-merrill, Mr. and choon.

Mrs. Wong Ying-nok.

Moore, Miss J. Wong Chai-tung.

Nahagawa, Wong Jun-shi.

PASSENGERS EXPECTED.

Per s.s. Kaga Maru, from:—London to Hongkong, etc:—Messrs. L. Hemphill, G. Barker, G. R. Baywood, Housset, H. V. Jones, F. and Mrs. E. Wohlfarth, Mr. H. Minagawa, Mrs. G. A. Forrest, Messrs. C. W. Gordon, E. D. Collier, W. E. Sharp, Yang and Z. Hayashi.

SIPS PASSED THE CANAL.

London, 10th December.

Arrivals from China:—C. Ford, Jagesiz, Calchas, Hector, Glenfarg, Agellan, Sachsen.

The following vessels have passed the Canal:—Camarthon-hire, Kaga Maru, Koeber, Nyanta, Dunedin, Titan, Euphrates.

London, 13th December.

Arrivals from China:—Kaitano Maru, Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

The following vessels have passed the Canal:—Bohemla, Laertes, Peleus, Sardinia, Paul Leocat, Laomedon.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 28th at 11.50.—Pressure has given way sharply throughout Japan and the Loochoos, and has increased moderately over S. China and Annam.

The anticyclone has passed into the Pacific and depressions are shown this morning to the East of Japan to the East of Formosa. Pressure shows a tendency to increase over China.

Strong monsoon may be expected over Formosa Channel and moderate to fresh monsoon over N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast. N. and N.E. winds, moderate, fine.

1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood. The same as No. 1.

2 Formosa Channel. N. strong. The same as No. 1.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamcocks. The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register. 28th December, a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Temperature. Humidity. Direction. Force.

Wootstock 7a " " " " " "

Nemuro 6a30.06 " " " " " "

Hakodate " 29.99 " " " " " "

Tokio " 29.99 " " " " " "

Kochi " 30.13 " " " " " "

Nagasaki " 30.21 " " " " " "

K'shima " 30.12 " " " " " "

Oshima " 30.02 " " " " " "

Naha " 29.99 " " " " " "

hi'jima " 29.88 " " " " " "

Bonin Is. " " " " " "

Chefoo " " " " " "

Whaiwei " 30.3829 88 " n 4 b

Hankow " " " " " "

Kiukiang " 30.4329 " " " " " "

Shanghai " 30.2433 " " " " " "

Gutzlaff " 30.2455 " " " " " "

Sharp P. " 30.2153 85 " ne 4 o

Amoy " 30.1546 92 " n 2 o

Swatow " 30.3029 " " " " " "

Taihou " 30.13 " " " " " "

Taihu " 30.05 " " " " " "

Tainan " 29.93 " " " " " "

Koshun " 30.05 " " " " " "

P'dores " 30.05 " " " " " "

Canton " 30.3644 68 " n 4 b

H'kong " 30.2147 75 " nw 1 o

V. Peak " 7a " " " " " "

Gap Rock " 30.3017 " " " " " "

Macao " 30.2143 " " " " " "

Wuchow " 30.3045 " " " " " "

Holhow " " " " " "

Pakhoi " 30.3346 " " " " " "

Phulien " 30.1366 " " " " " "

Tourane " 29.9473 " " " " " "

O. St. J. " 29.98 " " " " " "

Aparri " 29.99 " " " " " "

Manila " 29.95 " " " " " "

Legaspi " 29.95 " " " " " "

Bacolod " 29.95 " " " " " "

Iloilo " 29.9882 " " " " " "

Cebu " 29.9785 " " " " " "

Labuan " 29.9985 " " " " " "

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day On Date On Date

Barometer 30.20 30.12 30.02

Temperature 66 66 59

Humidity 62 70 88

Wind Direction E ENE NNW